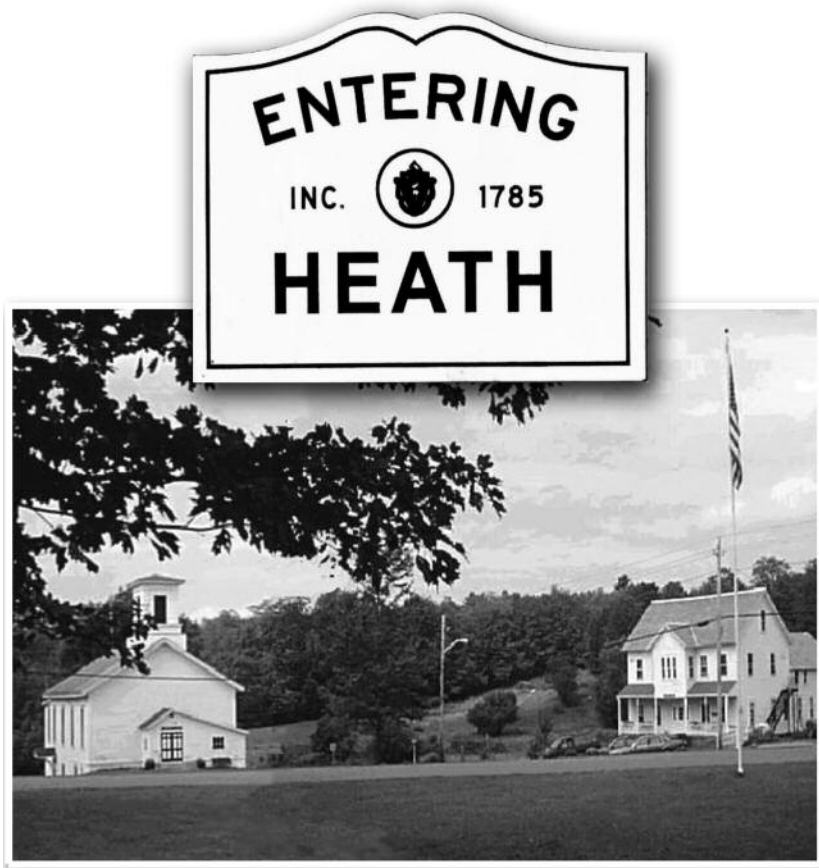


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**We are honored to dedicate this report to:
Margo Newton**

**For 24 years serving on the Heath Police Department,
including Police Chief from 2004-2017.**

The Town thanks you for your long and faithful service not only as a police officer, but for your dedication, initiative, and care you have shown and continue to offer in so many of the additional roles in which you play a part. It is with gratitude and respect that we dedicate this report.

*"Dedication is not what others expect of you,
it is what you can give to others."*

*Sheila M. Litchfield
Brian DeVriese
Robyn Provost-Carlson
Heath Board of Selectmen*



TOWN OFFICERS 2016

Selectmen (3)

Sheila Litchfield, Chair	2018
Brian DeVriese	2017
Robyn Provost-Carlson, Secretary	2019

Assessors (3)

Heather Hathwell (appointed 1 year)	2017
Robyn Provost-Carlson	2018
Heidi Griswold	2019

Moderator (3)

Doug Wilkins	(resigned May, 2016)
Eric Sumner (1 year term)	2017

Constables

Robert Bourke	2017
Steve Thane	2017

School Committee

Ken Roche (resigned Nov., 2016)	2017
Budge Litchfield	2018

Planning Board (5)

Calvin Carr, Chair	2021
Robert Viarengo	2020
Douglas Mason	2018
Jo Travis	2019
Bill Gran	2017

Finance Committee (3)

Donald Freeman, Chair	2017
Edwin Wolf	2018
Jeff Simmons	2019
Gloria Fisher	2018
Jan Carr	2018

Library Trustees (3)

Deborah Porter, Chair	2018
Emily Cross	2017
Jan Carr	2019

Fence Viewer

Assessors	2017
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Tree Warden

Alanson Nichols	2017
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Measurers of Wood & Bark

William Clark	2017
Alanson Nichols	2017

Town Officers (continued) Term Expires

Field Drivers

Christine O'Brien	2017
Michelle Howe	2017
David Freeman	2017
Jonathan Diamond	2017

Sexton

Matthew Lively	2017
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Burial Agent

Hilma Sumner, Town Clerk	2017
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Town Boards Appointed by Selectmen

Board of Health (3)

Karen Brooks (resigned Nov., 2016)	2017
Michael Freeman (resigned Nov., 2016)	2018
Charlie Cornish (resigned Nov., 2016)	2016
Betsy Kovacs	2017
Armand Clavette	2018
Henry Godek (appointed Nov., 2016)	2017
Tucker Jenkins (appointed Dec., 2016)	2018
Susan Gruen (appointed Nov., 2016)	2019

Zoning Board of Appeals (5)

Dennis Peters	2017
Robert Gruen	2018
Alanson Nichols	2020
Pam Porter	2019

Selectmen's Appointments

**Hired + Stipend

Chairman, Select Board	Sheila Litchfield
Secretary, Select Board	Robyn Provost-Carlson
Town Coordinator**	Kara Leistyna
Office Assistant**	Lorena Loubsky
Treasurer**	Kristi Nartowicz
Accountant** (3 year term to 2019)	Tracey Baronas
Tax Collector**	Elizabeth Nichols
Americans w/Disabilities Rep.	Maya Jalbert
Animal Inspector+ (exp. April 30, 2017)	Ken Erho
Animal Inspector (Rabies)+ (exp. April 30, 2017)	Ed Grinnell
Animal Control Officer +	Ed Grinnell
Building Maintenance Coordinator**	Timothy Lively
Carl H. Nilman Scholarship Rep.	Eric Sumner
Chief of Police**	Margo Newton
Emergency Management Director+	Timothy Lively

E 911 Coordinator
 FRCOG Representative
 FRCOG Planning Board Rep.
 FRCOG Alternate Planning Board Rep.
 FRCOG Regional Dog Kennel Rep.
 FRCOG Regional Dog Kennel Rep. Alternate
 Three-Town Landfill Committee Rep.
 FCCIP Representative
 Fire Chief+
 Forest Fire Warden
 Franklin Regional Transit Authority Rep.
 Franklin County Solid Waste Mgmt Dist. Rep.
 Highway Superintendent**
 Highway Department Liaison
 Building Inspector
 Inspector, Electrical
 Inspector, Plumbing & Gas
 Licensing Board
 Local Emergency Planning Committee Rep.
*LEPC consists of: Fire Chief, Police Chief Highway Supt.,
 Select Board Member, and Emergency Mgmt. Director*
 Police Officers**
 Detail Officers

Post Office Manager**
 Assistant Post Office Manager**

Election Workers+

Alternate Election Workers+ Jenna Day, Heather Row, Ruth Ayers
 Senior Center Coordinator+ Eileen McVay-Lively
 Select Board Correspondent to Heath Herald Brian DeVriese
 Tax Title Attorney Berenson & Bloom, Esquires
 Town Counsel KP Law
 Town Nurse** Claire Rabbitt
 Veterans' Agent Brian Brooks
 Veterans' Graves Officer Dennis Peters
 Veterans' Representative Dennis Peters
 Fred G. Wells Trustee Dianne Grinnell
 Transfer Station Attendant ** Ken Erho
 Highway Personnel ** Dohn Sherman
 Jason Lively
 Jeffrey Johnston

Budge Litchfield
 Brian DeVriese
 David Travers
 Brian DeVriese
 Ed Grinnell
 vacant
 Sheila Litchfield
 Brian DeVriese
 Kenneth Gilbert
 Kenneth Gilbert
 Brian DeVriese
 Kara Leistyna
 Michael Shattuck
 Robyn Provost-Carlson
 James Cerone
 Tom McDonald
 Andrew K. French
 Sheila Litchfield
 Sheila Litchfield
 Lee Lively
 Gordon Cutter
 Julie Shippee
 Melinda Herzig
 Charlene Reynolds
 Margo Newton
 Art Schwenger
 John Oleson
 Nancy Thane
 Don Dekker
 Margo Newton
 Gloria Fisher
 Eileen McVay-Lively
 Tracy Schott

Town Committees / Commissions

Agricultural Commission	Doug Mason Jessica Van Steensburg Nina Marshall Sean Neill Haynes Turkle
Broadband Committee	Sheila Litchfield Jan Carr Erich Holan Jansen McNay (resigned Dec., 2016) David Muenkel Heather Row Al Canali Art Schwenger Kara Leistyna
Cemetery Commission	Claire Rabbitt Jerry Gilbert Eric Sumner
Community Hall Committee	Margo Newton Delores Churchill Ruth Corey Don Dekker Tracy Schott
Conservation Commission	Dennis Peters Brian DeVriese Ellen Jenkins Buck (Bernard) Den Ouden Jessica Van Steensburg Bill Lattrell, Consultant
Council on Aging	Margo Newton Alli Thane-Stetson Teresa Peters Jean Lamothe Jane DeLeeuw (resigned June, 2016) Lorena Loubsky 2017 Kara Leistyna 2017 Robert Gruen 2018 Susan Draxler 2018 Larry Sampson 2018 Suzanne Hannay 2019
Heath Education Initiative Task Force	Budge Litchfield Gloria Fisher Mary Sumner

Heath Education Initiative Task Force <i>continued</i>	Deb Porter Ken Rocke Brian DeVriese Robyn Provost-Carlson
Historical Commission	Margaret Freeman Scott Peterson Heather Hathwell
Municipal Complex Building Committee	Bob Viarengo Ken Gilbert Brian DeVriese (Ex officio) Calvin Carr Jack Gougeon David Travers
Parks and Recreation Committee	Bob Bourke Robin Jenkins Mary Holan Lyra Johnson-Fuller
Energy Advisory Committee:	Peter Row Steve Ryack Bob Schultz Heather Row Scott Peterson
Heath Veteran's Memorial Committee	David Howland Robert Bourke Jerry Gilbert Dennis Peters Peter Smith
Mohawk Trail Woodlands Partnership Advisory Committee (FRCOG)	Art Schwenger
Community Economic Development Strategy Representative (FRCOG) (3 year)	Art Schwenger 2017

Committees Appointed by Moderator

F. C. Technical School Rep.	Arthur Schwenger
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Appointments by Library Trustees

Library Director	Donald J. Purington
Assistant Library Director	Lyra Johnson-Fuller



Financial Reports



Town of Heath FY 2016

General Fund Revenue Report

as of: 06/30/2016

<u>Taxes and Excises</u>	Carryover	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Revenues	Balance
01-4-110-000 Personal Property Taxes		218,216.25		218,216.25	218,120.02	96.23
01-4-120-000 Real Estate Taxes		1,638,327.42		1,638,327.42	1,555,626.42	82,701.00
01-4-120-002 Add RE Tax/Possession Sold				0.00	536.80	-536.80
01-4-130-000 Allow. for Ates & Exempt		-26,579.17		-26,579.17		-26,579.17
01-4-142-000 Tax Liens Redeemed				0.00	34,770.47	-34,770.47
01-4-143-000 Sale of Tax Foreclosures				0.00	43,401.78	-43,401.78
01-4-149-000 Roll Back Taxes				0.00	519.14	-519.14
01-4-150-000 Motor Vehicle Excise		70,000.00		70,000.00	77,833.38	-7,833.38
01-4-150-001 Post Abatement Excise Tax				0.00	156.88	-156.88
01-4-170-000 Penalties and int. taxes		15,000.00		15,000.00		15,000.00
01-4-171-000 Interest on Property Tax				0.00	8,220.93	-8,220.93
01-4-172-000 Interest on Motor Veh Ex				0.00	1,576.12	-1,576.12
01-4-173-000 Interest on Tax Titles				0.00	13,026.34	-13,026.34
Taxes and Excises Totals:		1,914,964.50		1,914,964.50	1,953,788.28	-38,823.78
<u>Charges for Services</u>	Carryover	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Revenues	Balance
01-4-235-000 Transfer station stickers		17,500.00		17,500.00	26,385.00	-8,885.00
Charges for Services Totals:		17,500.00		17,500.00	26,385.00	-8,885.00

<u>Fees</u>	Carryover	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Revenues	Balance
01-4-320-004 RMV Marking Fees		1,200.00		1,200.00	1,150.00	50.00
01-4-322-000 Fees Retained -Tax Collec				0.00	3,676.07	-3,676.07
Fees Totals:		1,200.00		1,200.00	4,826.07	-3,626.07
<u>Licenses and Permits</u>	Carryover	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Revenues	Balance
01-4-420-000 Police gun Licenses				0.00	612.50	-612.50
01-4-456-007 Raffle Permits				0.00	70.00	-70.00
01-4-459-000 Permits - Other		475.00		475.00		475.00
Licenses and Permits Totals:		475.00		475.00	682.50	-207.50
<u>Federal Revenue</u>	Carryover	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Revenues	Balance
01-4-540-000 USPS Contract Revenue		20,642.00		20,642.00	20,642.04	-0.04
Federal Revenue Totals:		20,642.00		20,642.00	20,642.04	-0.04
<u>State Revenue</u>	Carryover	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Revenues	Balance
01-4-611-000 State Owned Land		4,787.00		4,787.00	4,787.00	0.00
01-4-616-000 Elderly Abateements		3,281.00		3,281.00	1,380.00	1,901.00
01-4-671-000 Unrestricted General Gov't.		77,130.00		77,130.00	77,130.00	0.00
State Revenue Totals:		85,198.00		85,198.00	83,297.00	1,901.00

<u>Other Intergovernmental Revenue</u>	Carryover	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Revenues	Balance
01-4-770-001 CMVI Fines				0.00	285.00	-285.00
01-4-770-003 Library Fines		250.00		250.00		250.00
Other Intergovernmental Revenue Totals:		250.00		250.00	285.00	-35.00
<u>Miscellaneous Revenue</u>	Carryover	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Revenues	Balance
01-4-820-000 Interest on Investments		500.00		500.00	945.96	-445.96
01-4-840-000 Miscellaneous Revenue				0.00	25.00	-25.00
01-4-840-005 Sale of Street Lists				0.00	5.00	-5.00
01-4-840-006 Copier Receipts				0.00	187.00	-187.00
01-4-840-009 ZBA Bylaw Sales				0.00	23.00	-23.00
01-4-841-005 Tailings to Revenue				0.00	4,231.97	-4,231.97
01-4-841-006 Tax Title Costs				0.00	11,211.05	-11,211.05
01-4-841-007 Tax Possession Costs/Fees				0.00	1,345.50	-1,345.50
01-4-841-008 Tax Auction Deposits				0.00	1,500.00	-1,500.00
Miscellaneous Revenue Totals:		500.00		500.00	19,474.48	-18,974.48
<u>Other Financing Sources</u>	Carryover	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Revenues	Balance
01-4-960-208 Transfer from Rev. Funds				0.00	8,411.94	-8,411.94
01-4-970-029 Transfer from Fund 29				0.00	216.94	-216.94
01-4-970-083 Trans. from Stabilization			3,215.00	3,215.00	3,215.00	0.00
01-4-999-900 Free Cash to Bal.Budget		50,000.00		50,000.00	50,000.00	0.00

	Carryover	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Expenditures	Balance
01-4-999-901 Funded by Carryovers	21,075.17			21,075.17	21,075.17	0.00
01-4-999-902 Funded by Encumbrance	647.82			647.82	647.82	0.00
01-4-999-903 Funded with "Free Cash"			118,743.00	118,743.00	118,743.00	0.00
01-4-999-905 Funded by Overlay Surplus			9,270.00	9,270.00	9,270.00	0.00
Other Financing Sources Totals:	21,722.99	50,000.00	131,228.00	202,950.99	211,579.87	-8,628.88
Grand Totals:	21,722.99	2,090,729.50	131,228.00	2,243,680.49	2,320,960.24	-77,279.75

General Fund Expenditure Report

as of: 06/30/2016

General Government		Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Expenditures	Balance
Carryover						
01-5-114-000 Moderator Stipend		100.00		100.00	100.00	0.00 100 %
01-5-122-000 Selectmen's Stipend-Membe		2,000.00		2,000.00	2,000.00	0.00 100 %
01-5-122-001 Selectmen's Stipend-Chair		1,500.00		1,500.00	1,500.00	0.00 100 %
01-5-122-003 Selectmen Oper. Expenses		3,000.00		3,000.00	2,878.86	121.14 96%
01-5-123-004 Salary Town Coordinator		45,079.72		45,079.72	44,637.28	442.44 99%
01-5-123-005 Salary Office Assistant		905.04		905.04	663.07	241.97 73%
01-5-124-000 Office Supplies		1,700.00		1,700.00	1,047.57	652.43 62%
01-5-131-000 Finance Committee Expense		250.00		250.00	129.00	121.00 52%
01-5-132-000 Reserve Fund		5,000.00	-3,800.00	1,200.00		1,200.00
01-5-135-000 Salary Town Accountant		11,938.03		11,938.03	11,938.03	0.00 100 %

01-5-135-005 Town Accountant Expense		1,500.00		1,500.00	1,283.28	216.72 86%
01-5-135-013 Accountant's Support		300.00		300.00	18.70	281.30 6%
01-5-141-000 Assessors Stipend-Chair		2,500.00	-166.67	2,333.33	1,958.40	374.93 84%
01-5-141-001 Assessors Stipend-Members		4,000.00	166.67	4,166.67	4,166.67	0.00 100 %
01-5-141-002 Assessor's Expenses		2,500.00		2,500.00	1,199.26	1,300.74 48%
01-5-141-003 Assessor's Software		2,750.00		2,750.00	2,600.00	150.00 95%
01-5-141-004 Assessor's Mapping		1,100.00		1,100.00	1,100.00	0.00 100 %
01-5-141-006 Salary Assessor's Admin. Ass			7,533.12	7,533.12	7,239.89	293.23 96%
01-5-141-007 Assessor's Consultant Exp		3,000.00		3,000.00	600.00	2,400.00 20%
01-5-141-008 Salary Assistant Assessor		11,039.60	-7,533.12	3,506.48		3,506.48
01-5-145-000 Treasurer's Salary		10,054.29		10,054.29	10,054.29	0.00 100 %
01-5-145-002 Treasurer's Expense		4,000.00	370.97	4,370.97	4,370.97	0.00 100 %
01-5-145-004 Treas. Tax Taking & Coll		25,000.00	-2,870.97	22,129.03	15,599.97	6,529.06 70%
01-5-146-000 Salary Tax Collector		15,000.00		15,000.00	15,000.00	0.00 100 %
01-5-146-003 Tax Collector Expense		4,155.00	-8.80	4,146.20	3,889.93	256.27 94%
01-5-146-004 Tax Taking/Liens		2,600.00		2,600.00	1,136.53	1,463.47 44%
01-5-151-000 Legal Fees		7,000.00	15,716.26	22,716.26	22,716.26	0.00 100 %
01-5-157-001 Salary Post Office Manage		21,079.80		21,079.80	20,996.15	83.65 100 %
01-5-157-004 Post Office Oper. Expense		200.00		200.00		200.00
01-5-157-005 Salary Post Office Substi		1,425.00		1,425.00	1,140.48	284.52 80%
01-5-161-000 Salary Town Clerk		14,393.15		14,393.15	14,393.15	0.00 100 %
01-5-161-001 Town Clerk's Expense		3,000.00		3,000.00	2,971.45	28.55 99%
01-5-162-000 Election Workers Stipend		960.00		960.00	960.00	0.00 100 %
01-5-171-000 Conserv. Comm. Expense		350.00		350.00	223.00	127.00 64%

	Carryover	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Expenditures	Balance
01-5-171-001	Con. Comm. Consultant Exp.	1,500.00		1,500.00	1,500.00	0.00 100 %
01-5-175-001	Planning Board Expenses	650.00		650.00		650.00
01-5-176-000	Zoning Board Expense	200.00		200.00		200.00
01-5-180-000	Agriculture Commission Exp.	500.00		500.00		500.00
01-5-182-000	Heath Telecom Exp. (Wired	425.00		425.00	256.78	168.22 60%
01-5-191-000	Technical Support Tn Hall	1,800.00		1,800.00	1,553.59	246.41 86%
01-5-192-000	Build. Maint. Coord. Salary	13,817.88		13,817.88	12,055.52	1,762.36 87%
01-5-192-001	Sawyer Hall-Maint./Util.	18,900.00	2,500.00	21,400.00	21,144.14	255.86 99%
01-5-192-002	Town Garages-Maint./Util.	21,000.00		21,000.00	18,074.99	2,925.01 86%
01-5-192-004	Town Buildings-Copier Sup	2,200.00		2,200.00	874.34	1,325.66 40%
01-5-192-005	Comm. Hall-Maint./Util.	16,800.00		16,800.00	12,347.27	4,452.73 73%
01-5-192-006	Lawn Mowing, Ctr. & Ceme.	6,300.00	300.00	6,600.00	6,065.00	535.00 92%
01-5-192-011	Sawyer Hall Internet	1,320.00		1,320.00	1,320.00	0.00 100 %
01-5-192-012	Highway/Fire Internet	650.00		650.00	601.66	48.34 93%
01-5-193-000	Ins/Prop/Casualty/Workers	37,268.71		37,268.71	36,835.82	432.89 99%
01-5-195-000	Town Report Printing	1,050.00		1,050.00	1,029.17	20.83 98%
01-5-199-000	FRCOG Assessment	9,411.48		9,411.48	9,373.48	38.00 100 %
General Government Totals:						
		343,172.70	12,207.46	355,380.16	321,543.95	33,836.21
Public Safety						
	Carryover	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Expenditures	Balance
01-5-210-000	Salaries-Police Department	25,209.92	-2,491.26	22,718.66	16,498.79	6,219.87 73%

01-5-210-001	Constables Stipend	200.00		200.00	200.00	0.00 100 %
01-5-210-004	Police Vehicle Maint. Expens	1,000.00		1,000.00	97.43	902.57 10%
01-5-210-005	Police Expenses	2,500.00		2,500.00	2,328.00	172.00 93%
01-5-220-000	Fire Chief Stipend	4,266.00		4,266.00	4,266.00	0.00 100 %
01-5-220-001	Firemens Incentive Award	6,000.00		6,000.00	5,999.84	0.16 100 %
01-5-220-002	Fire Dept. Supp/Training	14,000.00	11,127.00	25,127.00	23,535.99	1,591.01 94%
01-5-220-003	Pers. Protective Equip. Repla	8,000.00		8,000.00	3,182.00	4,818.00 40%
01-5-220-005	Emergency Medical Service	2,400.00		2,400.00	1,022.22	1,377.78 43%
01-5-220-006	Emergency Vehicle Maint		6,090.00	6,090.00	6,089.96	0.04 100 %
01-5-241-000	Building Inspector Expen.	3,500.00		3,500.00	3,500.00	0.00 100 %
01-5-291-000	Em. Manage. Director Stip	1,000.00		1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00 100 %
01-5-291-001	Emer. Mgmt. Expenses	400.00		400.00	127.62	272.38 32%
01-5-291-002	Alternate EMD Stipend	100.00		100.00		100.00
01-5-291-003	Code RED	1,500.00		1,500.00	1,500.00	0.00 100 %
01-5-292-000	An. Cont. Officer's Stipend	500.00		500.00	500.00	0.00 100 %
01-5-292-001	AC Officer's Expenses	1,500.00		1,500.00	1,211.20	288.80 81%
01-5-292-002	Reg. Dog Kennel Assess.	700.00		700.00	350.00	350.00 50%
01-5-292-003	Animal Inspector's Exp.	325.00		325.00		325.00
01-5-292-004	Asst. Animal Ctr. Officer Sti	2,000.00		2,000.00	2,000.00	0.00 100 %
01-5-292-005	Animal Inspector Stipend	500.00		500.00	500.00	0.00 100 %
01-5-292-006	Wildlife Damage Control Ex	1,500.00		1,500.00	1,065.00	435.00 71%
01-5-294-000	Tree Removal Expense	1,700.00		1,700.00	850.00	850.00 50%
Public Safety Totals:						
		78,800.92	14,725.74	93,526.66	75,824.05	17,702.61

Education

Carryover	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Expenditures	Balance
01-5-301-000 School Comm. Stipend	1,098.00		1,098.00	1,098.00	0.00 100 %
01-5-301-001 School Committee Expenses	500.00		500.00	242.42	257.58 48%
01-5-303-000 MTRS Assessment	772,079.00		772,079.00	772,079.00	0.00 100 %
01-5-304-000 FCTS Assessment	73,037.00		73,037.00	73,037.00	0.00 100 %
01-5-306-000 MTRS Capital Project	7,157.00		7,157.00	7,157.00	0.00 100 %
Education Totals:	853,871.00		853,871.00	853,613.42	257.58
Carryover	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Expenditures	Balance
01-5-421-000 Salary Highway Dept. Wage	166,719.00		166,719.00	159,602.29	7,116.71 96%
01-5-421-004 Preventative Maintenance	20,000.00		20,000.00	19,911.76	88.24 100 %
01-5-421-005 Highway Misc Expenses	2,000.00		2,000.00	1,927.32	72.68 96%
01-5-422-000 Machinery Maint./Supplies	43,816.00	36,956.12	80,772.12	74,333.88	6,438.24 92%
01-5-422-002 Vehicle Gas & Oil	40,000.00	-4,585.00	35,415.00	22,796.40	12,618.60 64%
01-5-422-003 Hired Equipment/Services	5,000.00		5,000.00	3,736.08	1,263.92 75%
01-5-422-005 Highway Dept. Materials	24,000.00	4,585.00	28,585.00	20,168.77	8,416.23 71%
01-5-422-006 Roadside Mowing	5,500.00	-19.80	5,480.20	5,336.00	144.20 97%
01-5-422-008 Uniforms	2,114.08	400.00	2,514.08	2,453.25	60.83 98%
01-5-422-009 License Renewals	250.00		250.00	250.00	0.00 100 %
01-5-423-000 Salary Winter Hwy. Wages	20,119.21	-2,638.51	17,480.70	10,380.52	7,100.18 59%
01-5-423-001 Winter Equip. Maint/Repr	8,000.00	2,638.51	10,638.51	10,638.51	0.00 100 %
01-5-423-002 Winter Salt/Sand & Other	127,200.00	-40,700.00	86,500.00	82,123.30	4,376.70 95%

Public Works and Facilities

01-5-423-003 Winter Hired Services	3,500.00		3,500.00	3,370.50	129.50 96%
01-5-423-009 Salary Winter Temp. Help	1,309.00		1,309.00	618.45	690.55 47%
01-5-423-010 Salary Summer Temp. Help	3,656.00	19.80	3,675.80	3,675.80	0.00 100 %
01-5-424-000 Street Lights	1,500.00		1,500.00	1,239.80	260.20 83%
01-5-430-000 Franklin Cty Solid Waste	2,242.00		2,242.00	2,242.00	0.00 100 %
01-5-431-000 Salary Transfer Station Atten	9,439.20		9,439.20	9,301.60	137.60 99%
01-5-433-002 Dump Transportation/Tippin	30,500.00		30,500.00	27,301.35	3,198.65 90%
01-5-433-003 Hazardous Waste Disposal	500.00		500.00	309.52	190.48 62%
01-5-433-004 Transfer Sta. Maint/Repr	500.00		500.00	300.70	199.30 60%
Public Works and Facilities Totals:	517,864.49	-3,343.88	514,520.61	462,017.80	52,502.81
Carryover	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Expenditures	Balance
01-5-511-000 Bd of Health-Chair Stipnd	844.00		844.00	844.00	0.00 100 %
01-5-512-000 Bd of Health-Mem. Stipend	1,688.00		1,688.00	949.50	738.50 56%
01-5-512-001 Bd of Health Clerk Salary	3,097.50		3,097.50	2,589.56	507.94 84%
01-5-512-002 FRCOG Health Agent	6,000.00		6,000.00	6,000.00	0.00 100 %
01-5-513-000 Bd of Health Expenses	1,500.00		1,500.00	828.19	671.81 55%
01-5-522-000 Salary Town Nurse	9,790.20		9,790.20	8,706.30	1,083.90 89%
01-5-522-001 Town Nurse's Expense	1,925.00		1,925.00	1,265.09	659.91 68%
01-5-541-000 Senior Ctr. Coordinator Stipe	500.00		500.00	500.00	0.00 100 %
01-5-541-001 Senior Center Oper. Acct.	500.00		500.00	454.63	45.37 91%
01-5-542-000 COA Expense	1,000.00		1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00 100 %
01-5-543-000 Veterans Service Center	1,506.00		1,506.00	1,506.00	0.00 100 %

Human Services

Carryover	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Expenditures	Balance
01-5-544-000 Veterans Benefit	4,000.00	0.00	4,000.00		4,000.00
01-5-545-000 Heath Veterans Memorial Co	500.00		500.00	19.56	480.44 4%
Human Services Totals:	32,850.70	0.00	32,850.70	24,662.83	8,187.87
<u>Culture and Recreation</u>					
01-5-610-000 Salary Library Director	25,394.07		25,394.07	25,394.07	0.00 100%
01-5-610-001 Salary Library Assistant	5,783.40		5,783.40	5,377.20	406.20 83%
01-5-610-002 Salary Library Substitute	1,060.00		1,060.00	247.87	812.13 23%
01-5-611-000 Library Operating Expense	6,897.00		6,897.00	6,897.00	0.00 100%
01-5-611-001 CW Mars Library Annual	1,922.00		1,922.00	1,922.00	0.00 100%
01-5-613-000 Parks & Rec. Comm. Expens	250.00		250.00		250.00
01-5-690-000 Historical Comm. Expense	250.00		250.00		250.00
Culture and Recreation Totals:	41,556.47		41,556.47	39,838.14	1,718.33
<u>Debt Service</u>					
01-5-710-002 2015 Police Cruiser Loan	7,161.00		7,161.00	7,161.00	0.00 100%
01-5-710-011 2015 Police Cruiser Interest	38.67		38.67	38.67	0.00 100%
01-5-752-000 Int. Temp. Loans/Rev. Anti	1,500.00	1,100.00	2,600.00	2,517.29	82.71 97%
01-5-753-000 Highway Garage Door Loan	4,000.00		4,000.00	4,000.00	0.00 100%
01-5-753-011 Highway Garage Doors Inter	66.00		66.00	44.00	22.00 87%
01-5-757-000 Bucket Loader 2011	16,246.00		16,246.00	16,246.00	0.00 100%

01-5-757-011 Bucket Loader Interest 2011	568.61		568.61	568.61	0.00 100%
01-5-758-000 3 Town Liability Waiver	10,630.00		10,630.00	10,630.00	0.00 100%
01-5-758-011 3 Town Liability Waiver Int.	2,870.10		2,870.10	2,870.10	0.00 100%
01-5-759-000 2011 Highway Truck Princip	22,000.00		22,000.00	22,000.00	0.00 100%
01-5-759-011 2011 Hwy. Truck Interest	242.00		242.00	241.33	0.67 100%
01-5-760-001 TS Irene Principal		0.00	0.00		0.00
01-5-760-011 TS Irene Bond Interest	935.00		935.00	935.00	0.00 100%
01-5-761-000 2013 Dump Body Prin.	10,000.00		10,000.00	10,000.00	0.00 100%
01-5-761-011 2013 Dump Body Int.	400.00		400.00	400.00	0.00 100%
Debt Service Totals:	76,657.38	1,100.00	77,757.38	77,652.00	105.38
<u>Intergovernmental Expenditures</u>					
01-5-822-000 St Assmnt Air Pollution	208.00		208.00	208.00	0.00 100%
01-5-824-000 Reg Transit Authority Asm	24.00		24.00	24.00	0.00 100%
01-5-827-000 RMV Non-Renewla Surcharg	740.00		740.00	740.00	0.00 100%
Intergovernmental Expenditures Totals:	972.00		972.00	972.00	0.00
<u>Miscellaneous</u>					
01-5-911-000 Fran. Regional Retirement Sy	45,443.00	-832.00	44,611.00	44,611.00	0.00 100%
01-5-911-001 Bills of Prior Year		52.68	52.68	52.68	0.00 100%
01-5-913-000 Unemployment Compensatio	1,000.00		1,000.00	628.60	371.40 63%
01-5-914-000 Health Insurance	63,240.84		63,240.84	61,139.71	2,101.13 97%
01-5-915-000 Life Insurance	300.00		300.00	207.73	92.27 69%

	Carryover	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Expenditures	Balance
01-5-916-000 FICA/Medicare Empl. Match		15,000.00		15,000.00	12,989.90	2,010.10 87%
01-5-996-966 Trans.to Stabilization			83,118.00	83,118.00	83,118.00	0.00 100%
01-5-999-902 Encumb. Listed in 02	647.82			647.82	647.82	0.00 100%
01-5-999-903 Special Projects in 03	21,075.17	20,000.00	24,200.00	65,275.17	65,275.17	0.00 100%
Miscellaneous Totals:	21,722.99	144,983.84	106,538.68	273,245.51	268,670.61	4,574.90
Grand Totals:	21,722.99	2,090,729.50	131,228.00	2,243,680.49	2,124,794.80	118,885.69

Other Funds Revenue Report

as of: 06/30/2016

Fund: 21

Cultural Council

	Carryover	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Revenues	Balance
21-4-680-000 State Cultural Council		4,400.00		4,400.00	4,400.00	0.00
21-4-820-000 rInterest			22.73	22.73	22.73	0.00
21-4-999-901 Funded by Carryovers	4,237.38			4,237.38		4,237.38
Totals:	4,237.38	4,400.00	22.73	8,660.11	4,422.73	4,237.38

Fund: 23

Highway Grants

	Carryover	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Revenues	Balance
23-4-422-000 Chapter 90 Revenue		211,762.00		211,762.00	333,743.00	-121,981.00
23-4-999-901 Funded by Carryovers	235,818.47			235,818.47		235,818.47
Totals:	235,818.47	211,762.00		447,580.47	333,743.00	113,837.47

Fund: 24

Septic Grants

	Carryover	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Revenues	Balance
24-4-820-000 rSeptic Bank Interest			10.38	10.38	10.38	0.00
24-4-999-901 Funded by Carryovers	20,872.79			20,872.79		20,872.79
Totals:	20,872.79		10.38	20,883.17	10.38	20,872.79

Fund: 26

Revolving Funds (44 53E1/2)

	Carryover	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Revenues	Balance
26-4-176-000 rHearings Deposit Revolving						
26-4-292-000 rAnimal Control r Rev.						
26-4-293-000 rBOH Revolving			1,466.00	1,466.00	1,466.00	0.00
26-4-433-000 rRecycling Program Revolvin			7,143.00	7,143.00	7,143.00	0.00
26-4-522-000 rVaccine Program			1,991.42	1,991.42	1,991.42	0.00
26-4-541-000 rCOA Meals Revolving			1,316.84	1,316.84	1,316.84	0.00
26-4-999-901 Funded by Carryovers	26,088.82		1,605.15	1,605.15	1,605.15	0.00
Totals:	26,088.82		13,572.41	39,661.23	13,572.41	26,088.82

Fund: 27

Available for Appropriation

	Carryover	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Revenues	Balance
27-4-192-000 Sale of Real Estate			3,500.00	3,500.00	3,500.00	0.00
27-4-491-000 Sale of Lots			2,858.71	2,858.71	2,858.71	0.00
27-4-999-000 Offset to Free Cash		168,743.00		168,743.00	168,743.00	0.00
27-4-999-901 Funded by Carryovers	1,965.99			1,965.99		1,965.99
Totals:	1,965.99	168,743.00	6,358.71	177,067.70	175,101.71	1,965.99

Fund: 29**Miscellaneous Special Revenue**

	Carryover	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Revenues	Balance
29-4-161-000 extended polling hours			243.00	243.00	243.00	0.00
29-4-192-002 rCommunity Hall Functions			707.50	707.50	707.50	0.00
29-4-192-004 rComm. Compact IT Grant 2		55,000.00		55,000.00		55,000.00
29-4-216-000 rBig Yellow School Bus		200.00		200.00	200.00	0.00
29-4-291-207 rEMPG All Years		2,220.00		2,220.00		2,220.00
29-4-291-210 rFFY 2013-2014 EMPG				0.00	2,912.51	-2,912.51
29-4-292-000 rLibrary Dog Fund			685.83	685.83	685.83	0.00
29-4-303-000 rFCTS Special Election				0.00	610.83	-610.83
29-4-422-000 Winter Recovery Assist. Prog				0.00	31,799.00	-31,799.00
29-4-424-211 rMassworks Rte. 8A 2015			791,590.85	791,590.85	791,590.85	0.00
29-4-434-000 DEP Small Scale Initiative G			982.62	982.62	982.62	0.00
29-4-491-001 rCemetery Donations			95.00	95.00	95.00	0.00
29-4-541-136 Flu Clinic Donations Rev.			20.00	20.00	20.00	0.00
29-4-541-780 rCOA Grant			4,500.00	4,500.00	4,500.00	0.00
29-4-541-782 Senior Cntr/COA donations			415.00	415.00	415.00	0.00
29-4-541-783 rFCHC Foot Care Grant		1,500.00		1,500.00	2,575.00	-1,075.00
29-4-541-784 rFoot Care Clinic Donations			880.00	880.00	880.00	0.00
29-4-545-000 rHeath Veterans Mem. Fund			13,785.00	13,785.00	13,785.00	0.00
29-4-610-000 rLibrary State Grant			2,282.05	2,282.05	2,282.05	0.00
29-4-610-001 Library Donations			254.99	254.99	254.99	0.00
29-4-630-820 Int. Recreation			0.73	0.73	0.73	0.00

29-4-999-901 Funded by Carryovers	33,054.74			33,054.74		33,054.74
Totals:	33,054.74	58,920.00	816,442.57	908,417.31	854,539.91	53,877.40

Fund: 33**Tropical Storm Irene**

33-4-999-901 Funded by Carryovers						
Totals:						
	Carryover	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Revenues	Balance
	-170,412.92			-170,412.92		-170,412.92
Totals:	-170,412.92			-170,412.92		-170,412.92

Fund: 39**Large Capital Items**

39-4-192-216 Bond Proceeds Land Purchas	Carryover	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Revenues	Balance
39-4-420-420 rBond Proceeds Public Safet		55,000.00		55,000.00	55,000.00	0.00
39-4-430-000 Bond Proceeds Compactor		4,000,000.00		4,000,000.00		4,000,000.00
39-4-999-901 Funded by carryovers	#####	65,940.00		65,940.00		65,940.00
Totals:	1,450,000.00	4,120,940.00		1,450,000.00	55,000.00	1,450,000.00
				5,570,940.00	55,000.00	5,515,940.00

Fund: 82**Expendable Trusts**

82-4-300-820 rInt.Read/Carpenter Award	Carryover	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Revenues	Balance
82-4-491-820 rInt Cemetery			27.22	27.22	27.22	0.00
82-4-510-820 rInt.Hands X Heath-Nurse			24.65	24.65	24.65	0.00
82-4-610-820 rInt. Library Trust			26.18	26.18	26.18	0.00
82-4-999-901 Funded by Carryovers	27,655.02		12.73	12.73	12.73	0.00
Totals:	27,655.02		90.78	27,655.02		27,655.02
				27,745.80	90.78	27,655.02

Fund: 83**Stabilization**

	Carryover	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Revenues	Balance
83-4-820-000 Stabilization Interest						
83-4-820-001 Capital Town Vehicle Interest			390.56	390.56	390.56	0.00
83-4-820-002 Town Building Stab Interest			252.05	252.05	252.05	0.00
83-4-820-003 Parks & Rec Stab interest			90.34	90.34	90.34	0.00
83-4-820-004 Audit Stabilization Interest			8.26	8.26	8.26	0.00
83-4-820-005 Asses. Prop. Tax Mapping St			17.83	17.83	17.83	0.00
83-4-991-000 Trans.frm General Fund			7.15	7.15	7.15	0.00
83-4-991-002 Trans. Frm GF/Vehic'e			74,118.00	74,118.00	74,118.00	0.00
83-4-999-004 Trns. From GF/Audit			5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00
			4,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00	0.00
83-4-999-901 Funded by Carryovers	331,062.47			331,062.47		331,062.47
Totals:	331,062.47		83,884.19	414,946.66	83,884.19	331,062.47
Report Totals:	1,960,342.76	4,564,765.00	920,381.77	7,445,489.53	1,520,365.11	5,925,124.42

Other Funds Expense Report

as of: 06/30/2016

Fund: 02**Encumbrances**

	Carryover	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Expenditures	Balance
02-5-141-002 Encmb.Assessors'Expense	1.00			1.00	1.00	0.00
02-5-161-001 Encumb. Town Clerk Exp.	190.35			190.35	190.35	0.00
02-5-220-001 Enc. Fireman Incent.	122.56			122.56	122.56	0.00
02-5-422-000 Encmb.Machinery Maint.	111.59			111.59	111.59	0.00
02-5-512-000 Enc. BOH Member Stipend	211.00			211.00		211.00
02-5-522-001 Encumb. Town Nurse Exp.	11.32			11.32	11.32	0.00
Totals:	647.82			647.82	436.82	211.00

Fund: 03**Special Projects**

	Carryover	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Expenditures	Balance
03-5-141-004 Assessors' Deed Project Consulta	2,953.55			2,953.55		2,953.55
03-5-192-001 Comm. Hall Furnace Upgrade 20	71.00			71.00		71.00
03-5-192-004 Mitigate Frozen Pipes-Comm Ha		2,200.00		2,200.00		2,200.00
03-5-192-014 Feas. Study Mun. Complex	470.10			470.10		470.10
03-5-192-216 Land Easement/Sadoga			3,200.00	3,200.00		3,200.00
03-5-192-220 SH/CH Gutter/Rail	9,365.00			9,365.00	9,365.00	0.00
03-5-192-230 Remedy Inspection Items Comm		5,600.00		5,600.00	700.00	4,900.00

03-5-193-216	Land Easement/8A		21,000.00	21,000.00		21,000.00
03-5-220-040	Fire Dept. Sheetrock 2014	3,000.00		3,000.00	3,000.00	0.00
03-5-220-050	Mitigate Frozen Pipes/Town Gar		2,200.00		2,200.00	0.00
03-5-300-212	Pre School Support		10,000.00		10,000.00	0.00
03-5-420-230	Highway Vehicle Replacement 2	10.00		10.00		10.00
03-5-439-000	Dump Closing	5,205.52		5,205.52	3,224.84	1,980.68
Totals:		21,075.17	20,000.00	24,200.00	28,489.84	36,785.33

Fund: 21

Cultural Council

	Carryover	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Expenditures	Balance
21-5-213-007	Heath Library/Summer	23.48	-23.48	0.00		0.00
21-5-214-001	AIM/MTRSD Arts	100.00	-100.00	0.00		0.00
21-5-214-004	Summer Reading/Crafts	0.38	-0.38	0.00		0.00
21-5-214-005	Heath Herald	230.00		230.00	230.00	0.00
21-5-214-010	Art Garden	100.00		100.00	100.00	0.00
21-5-214-014	Mem. Hall/Opera	100.00		100.00		100.00
21-5-214-018	WINK/Heath PTP	250.00		250.00	250.00	0.00
21-5-215-001	Heath Elem/Landscape	1,000.00		1,000.00		1,000.00
21-5-215-002	Piti Theatre/End. Species	400.00		400.00		400.00
21-5-215-003	Friends of RSW/Hilltown	50.00		50.00	50.00	0.00
21-5-215-005	Mary Lyon/History	200.00		200.00	200.00	0.00
21-5-215-007	Hilltown Families	50.00		50.00	50.00	0.00
21-5-215-009	Collected Poets/Season	50.00		50.00		50.00

21-5-215-010	DRWA/Riverfest	50.00		50.00	50.00	0.00
21-5-215-011	MTRS/Oklahoma!	200.00		200.00		200.00
21-5-215-012	Heath Elem/WINK	50.00		50.00	50.00	0.00
21-5-215-013	Heath Historic/Dining	250.00		250.00	250.00	0.00
21-5-215-015	Heath Ag. Society Music	700.00		700.00	700.00	0.00
21-5-215-016	Heath Library/Crafts	150.00	-64.13	85.87	85.87	0.00
21-5-215-018	Charlemont Forum/Imm.	100.00		100.00	100.00	0.00
21-5-215-019	MTConcerts/Windows	50.00		50.00	50.00	0.00
21-5-215-021	Prasol/FCTS Drama	32.50	-32.50	0.00		0.00
21-5-216-001	HFPL Summer Crafts			125.00		125.00
21-5-216-002	Ed The Wizard			200.00	200.00	0.00
21-5-216-003	Pothole Pix			150.00	150.00	0.00
21-5-216-004	FCTS Drama			275.00	275.00	0.00
21-5-216-005	FLT/Day on River			80.00		80.00
21-5-216-006	FLT/Winter Tracking			225.00	225.00	0.00
21-5-216-007	Heath Fair Music			800.00		800.00
21-5-216-008	Heath Herald			250.00		250.00
21-5-216-009	Hilltown Families Play			50.00		50.00
21-5-216-010	Heath School Strings			500.00	500.00	0.00
21-5-216-011	Hallman/Heath Artists			250.00		250.00
21-5-216-012	Mohawk Trail Concerts			50.00		50.00
21-5-216-013	Mem. Hall Assoc./Swim			200.00		200.00
21-5-216-014	Pioneer Valley Symphony			65.00	65.00	0.00

21-5-216-015	Charlemont Forum/Horizons	Carryover	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Expenditures	Balance
			100.00		100.00		100.00
21-5-216-016	Art Garden/Exhibits		200.00		200.00	100.00	100.00
21-5-216-017	Art Garden/Draw-Around		100.00		100.00		100.00
21-5-216-018	Collected Poets		25.00		25.00		25.00
21-5-216-019	Mohawk Music/Annapolis		250.00		250.00	250.00	0.00
21-5-216-020	Dole-It's Your Story		200.00		200.00		200.00
21-5-216-021	Diamond-Summer Theatre		500.00		500.00		500.00
21-5-300-000	Available Local Funds	101.02		48.22	149.24		149.24
	Totals:	4,237.38	4,595.00	-172.27	8,660.11	3,930.87	4,729.24
Fund: 23							
<u>Highway Grants</u>							
23-5-422-090	Chapter 90 Expenses	Carryover	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Expenditures	Balance
		235,818.47	211,762.00		447,580.47	331,661.98	115,918.49
	Totals:	235,818.47	211,762.00		447,580.47	331,661.98	115,918.49
Fund: 24							
<u>Septic Grants</u>							
24-5-175-000	Plannings-Visioning Grant	Carryover	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Expenditures	Balance
		158.02			158.02		158.02
24-5-440-002	Available for Septic Loan	20,714.77		10.38	20,725.15		20,725.15
	Totals:	20,872.79		10.38	20,883.17		20,883.17

Fund: 26							
<u>Revolving Funds (44 53E1/2)</u>							
26-5-176-000	Hearings Deposit Revolving	Carryover	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Expenditures	Balance
		914.36	1,000.00	-950.00	964.36	300.08	664.28
26-5-292-000	Animal Control Revol.	1,969.74	2,000.00	-534.00	3,435.74	1,435.74	2,000.00
26-5-293-000	BOH Revolving	5,000.00	5,000.00	2,143.00	12,143.00	7,143.00	5,000.00
26-5-294-000	Senior Center Revolving	1,000.00	1,000.00	-1,000.00	1,000.00	103.86	896.14
26-5-433-000	Recycling Program Revolving	12,227.47	10,000.00	-8,008.58	14,218.89	4,218.89	10,000.00
26-5-480-000	Small Business Loans Avl.	1,071.67			1,071.67		1,071.67
26-5-522-000	Vaccine Program Revolving	1,618.91	3,500.00	-2,183.16	2,935.75	486.90	2,448.85
26-5-541-000	COA Meals Revolving	2,286.67	3,000.00	-1,394.85	3,891.82	980.96	2,910.86
	Totals:	26,088.82	25,500.00	-11,927.59	39,661.23	14,669.43	24,991.80
Fund: 27							
<u>Available for Appropriation</u>							
27-5-192-000	Sale of Real Estate	Carryover	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Expenditures	Balance
				3,500.00	3,500.00		3,500.00
27-5-420-000	Road Machinery Fund	83.76			83.76		83.76
27-5-491-000	Sale of Lots	1,882.23		2,858.71	4,740.94		4,740.94
27-5-999-000	Available Free Cash		168,743.00		168,743.00	168,743.00	0.00
	Totals:	1,965.99	168,743.00	6,358.71	177,067.70	168,743.00	8,324.70
Fund: 29							
<u>Miscellaneous Special Revenues</u>							
29-5-161-000	Extended Polling Hours	Carryover	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Expenditures	Balance
		612.00		243.00	855.00	855.00	0.00
29-5-171-000	Wetlands Protection	1,057.78			1,057.78		1,057.78

	Carryover	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Expenditures	Balance
29-5-192-001 Community Hall Donations	25.00			25.00		25.00
29-5-192-002 Comm. Hall Committee Func	4,165.74		707.50	4,873.24	1,315.42	3,557.82
29-5-192-004 Comm. Compact IT Grant 2016		55,000.00		55,000.00		55,000.00
29-5-192-006 MA Tech. Collab. Grt. 10	56.07			56.07		56.07
29-5-216-000 Big Yellow School Bus		200.00		200.00	140.81	59.19
29-5-291-207 EMPG All Years		2,220.00		2,220.00	1,036.00	1,184.00
29-5-291-210 FFY2013-2014 EMPG	1,129.92			1,129.92	343.43	786.49
29-5-291-211 Ice Storm Donations 2008	428.59			428.59		428.59
29-5-292-000 Library Dog Fund		685.83		685.83	685.83	0.00
29-5-293-000 Heath Animal Fund gift	100.00			100.00		100.00
29-5-301-000 Mackie Memorial	390.00			390.00		390.00
29-5-424-211 Massworks Rte. 8A 2015			791,590.85	791,590.85	791,590.85	0.00
29-5-434-000 DEP Small Scale Initiative Grant			982.62	982.62		982.62
29-5-491-000 North Cemetery Maint.	800.00			800.00		800.00
29-5-491-001 Cemetery Donations	1,118.83		95.00	1,213.83	9.80	1,204.03
29-5-541-136 Flu Clinic Donations	539.50		20.00	559.50		559.50
29-5-541-780 COA Grant			4,500.00	4,500.00	4,500.00	0.00
29-5-541-782 Senior Cntr donations	865.05		415.00	1,280.05	1,240.00	40.05
29-5-541-783 FCHC Foot Care Grant		1,500.00		1,500.00	1,500.00	0.00
29-5-541-784 Foot Care Clinic Donations	126.14		880.00	1,006.14	445.00	561.14
29-5-545-000 Heath Veterans Memorial Fund	205.20		13,785.00	13,990.20	199.86	13,790.34

29-5-610-000 Library State Grant	7,583.46		2,282.05	9,865.51	1,200.36	8,665.15
29-5-610-001 Library Donations	4,120.92		254.99	4,375.91	325.22	4,050.69
29-5-610-004 Library Construction Gift	8,273.00			8,273.00		8,273.00
29-5-630-000 Recreation Fund	1,457.54		0.73	1,458.27		1,458.27
Totals:	33,054.74	59,605.83	815,756.74	908,417.31	805,387.58	103,029.73
Fund: 33						
<u>Tropical Storm Irene</u>						
33-5-433-000 TS Irene Exp 2011						
Totals:	-170,412.92			-170,412.92		-170,412.92
Fund: 39						
<u>Large Capital Items</u>						
39-5-192-000 Broadband Network	1,450,000.00			1,450,000.00		1,450,000.00
39-5-192-216 Land Purchase		55,000.00		55,000.00		55,000.00
39-5-420-420 Public Safety Facility		4,000,000.00		4,000,000.00		4,000,000.00
39-5-430-000 Compactor Replacement		65,940.00		65,940.00		65,940.00
Totals:	1,450,000.00	4,120,940.00		5,570,940.00		5,570,940.00
Fund: 82						
<u>Expendable Trusts</u>						
82-5-300-000 Read/Carpenter Award	2,033.20		27.22	2,060.42	50.00	2,010.42
82-5-491-000 Cemetery	10,988.43		24.65	11,013.08		11,013.08

	Carryover	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Expenditures	Balance
82-5-510-000 Hands X Heath-Nurse	6,163.63		26.18	6,189.81		6,189.81
82-5-610-000 Library Trust	8,469.76		12.73	8,482.49		8,482.49
Totals:	27,655.02		90.78	27,745.80	50.00	27,695.80
	Carryover	Original Budget	Budget Revisions	Total Budget	Expenditures	Balance
83-5-000-000 Available Stabilization	194,754.69		44,508.56	239,263.25		239,263.25
83-5-135-000 Audit Stabilization	4,000.31		4,017.83	8,018.14		8,018.14
83-5-141-000 Asses. Property Tax Mapping St			30,007.15	30,007.15		30,007.15
83-5-192-000 School/Building Cap. Improv. St	45,068.88		90.34	45,159.22		45,159.22
83-5-422-000 Equip/Vehicle Stab. Fund	85,238.44		2,037.05	87,275.49		87,275.49
83-5-630-000 Parks & Recreation Stabilization	2,000.15		8.26	2,008.41		2,008.41
83-5-993-001 Trans. To Fund 01			3,215.00	3,215.00	3,215.00	0.00
Totals:	331,062.47		83,884.19	414,946.66	3,215.00	411,731.66

Report Totals: 1,982,065.75 4,611,145.83 918,200.94 7,511,412.52 1,356,584.52 6,154,828.00

Town of Heath Balance Sheet FY2016

ASSETS

	GENERAL FUND	SPECIAL REVENUES	TRUST & AGENCY	LONG-TERM DEBT
Cash, Pooled	\$309,270.83	\$159,235.90	\$698,495.96	

2016 Personal Property	-			-
2015 Personal Property	183.07			
2014 Personal Property	-			
2013 Personal Property	-			
Prior Years Personal Property	-			
Total Personal Property	183.07			
2016 Real Estate	43,124.83			
2015 Real Estate	-			
2014 Real Estate	-			
2013 Real Estate	-			
Prior Years Real Estate	-			
Total Real Estate	43,124.83			
2016 Allow. for Abate. & Exempt.	(17,474.28)			
2015 Allow. for Abate. & Exempt.	(21,181.64)			
2014 Allow. for Abate. & Exempt.				
2013 Allow. for Abate. & Exempt.				
Prior Years Allow. For Abate & Exempt.				
Total Allow. for Abate & Exempt.	(38,655.92)			
Tax Liens	200,373.08			
Tax Foreclosures	53,503.81			
2016 Motor Vehicle Excise	7,128.80			
2015 Motor Vehicle Excise	2,370.32			
2014 Motor Vehicle Excise	703.44			
2013 Motor Vehicle Excise	484.59			
Prior Years Motor Vehicle Ex.	349.59			
Total Motor Vehicle Excise	11,036.74			

<u>ASSETS</u>	GENERAL FUND	SPECIAL REVENUES	TRUST & AGENCY	LONG-TERM DEBT
Forest Products	-			
Small Business Loans Receivable		555.97		
B/A Compactor Replacement				65,940.00
B/A Public Safety Complex				4,000,000.00
B/A Regional Broadband Network				1,450,000.00
Amt. to be Provided-McCloud Prop				53,150.00
Amnt. to be Provided-Highway Doors				4,000.00
Amnt. To be Provided-Safety Complex Land Purchase				55,000.00
Amnt. To Be Provided-Highway Trk/Plow 2012				22,000.00
Amnt. To Be Provided-Highway Dump Body				10,000.00
Amnt. To Be Provided-Police Cruiser				28,644.00
TOTAL ASSETS	578,836.44	\$159,791.87	\$698,495.96	\$5,688,734.00

LIABILITIES

GENERAL FUND	SPECIAL REVENUES	TRUST & AGENCY	LONG-TERM DEBT
Warrants Payable			
Tailings			
Payroll Withholdings Payable			
Def.Rev.- Property & Real Estate Taxes			
Def.Rev.Tax Liens			

Def.Rev. Tax Foreclosures	53,503.81			
Def.Rev.- Motor Vehicle Excise	11,036.74			
Def.Rev.- Forest Products	-			
Def.Rev. Small Business Loans		555.97		
Rev. Ant. Notes Payable		170,412.92		
Collector's Fees		-		
Deputy Collector's Fees				
Clerk's Fees		133.00		
Off Duty Police				
Due to State - Firearms		237.50		
Perc Inspections				
CDBG Pass Through		258,698.00		
Unissued Regional Broadband Network				1,450,000.00
Unissued Public Safety Complex				4,000,000.00
Unissued Cmpactor Replacement				65,940.00
Bonds Payable, McCloud Prop				53,150.00
Bonds Payable, Garage Doors				4,000.00
Bonds Payable, Highway Loader 2011				55,000.00
Bonds Payable, Safety Complex Land Purchase				22,000.00
Bonds Payable, Highway Trk Body FY13				10,000.00
Bonds Payable, Police Cruiser				28,644.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES	269,675.56	170,968.89	259,068.50	5,688,734.00

FUND EQUITY

	GENERAL FUND	SPECIAL REVENUES	TRUST & AGENCY	LONG-TERM DEBT
Reserve for Encumbrances	3,700.33			
Free Cash to Balance Budget	50,000.00			
Overlay to Balance Budget	-			
Reserve for Carryovers	36,234.23			
Undesignated Fund Balance	219,226.32			
FB reserved for Approp. Deficits	-			
FB reserved for Overlay Deficit	-			
Cultural Council		4,729.24		
State Highway (Ch. 90)		766.37		
Septic Grant Repayments		20,725.15		
Planning Grant		158.02		
ZBA Revolving		664.28		
Dog Officer Revolving		2,000.00		
Small Business		1,071.67		
BOH Permitting		5,000.00		
Senior Center Revolving		896.14		
Solid Waste Revolving		10,000.00		
Vaccine Program Revolving		2,448.85		
COA Meal Revolving		2,910.86		
Machinery Earnings		83.76		
Sale of RE		3,500.00		
Sale of Lots		4,740.94		
Extended Polling		-		

Wetlands Protection	1,057.78			
Community Functions	3,557.82			
Comm. Hall Donations	25.00			
MA Tech. Collaborative Grant 2010	56.07			
Big Yellow School Bus	59.19			
EMPG All years	(1,036.00)			
2008 Ice Storm Donations	428.59			
Mackie Memorial	390.00			
Heath Animal Fund Gift	100.00			
DEP Small Scale Initiative	500.00			
Cemetery Donations	1,204.03			
North Emeritery Maint	800.00			
Flu Clinic Donations	559.50			
Sr. Center/COA donations	40.05			
COA Foot Care Grant	-			
COA Foot Care Donations	561.14			
Veteran's Memorial Fund	13,790.34			
Library State Grant	8,665.15			
Library Donations	4,050.69			
Library Building Donation	8,273.00			
Parks and Recreation	1,458.27			
TS Irene	(170,412.92)			
Land Purchase Safety Complex	55,000.00			
Stabilization		239,263.25		
School/Town Build Stab		45,159.22		
Equipment/Vehicle Stab		87,275.49		
Audit Stabilization		8,018.14		
Parks and Rec Stab		2,008.41		
Asses. Prop Tax Mapping Stab		30,007.15		

FUND EQUITY

	GENERAL FUND	SPECIAL REVENUES	TRUST & AGENCY	LONG-TERM DEBT
Cemetery			11,010.00	
Read Carpenter			2,010.42	
Library Trust			8,482.49	
Hands Across Heath			6,189.81	
B/A Regional Broadband Network				(1,450,000.00)
Unissued Regional Broadband Network				1,450,000.00
B/A Public Safety Facility				4,000,000.00
Unissued Public Safety Facility				(4,000,000.00)
B/A Compactor Replacement				65,940.00
Unissued Compactor Replacement				(65,940.00)
TOTAL FUND EQUITY	309,160.88	(11,177.02)	439,427.46	-
TOTAL LIABILITIES & FUND EQUITY	\$578,836.44	\$159,791.87	\$698,495.96	\$5,688,734.00

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Tax Collector's Report
January 2, 2016 - December 31, 2016

REAL ESTATE	BALANCE ON BAL 01/01/16	COMMITTED AFTER 12/31/15	COLLECTED	ABATED	EXEMPTED	REFUNDED	TAX TAKINGS	OVER PAYMENT	PREV OVERPYMT BROUGHT FORWARD	BALANCE 12/31/2016
FY 2017	\$0.00	\$1,675,574.66	\$798,298.65	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,888.81	\$11,496.22			\$867,668.60
2016	\$908,240.27	\$519.14	\$853,013.73	\$4,629.89	\$4,475.00	\$8,491.00	\$32,473.66			\$22,658.13
2015	\$20,529.78	\$0.00	\$10,614.02	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$9,915.76			\$0.00
PERSONAL PROPERTY										
FY 2017	\$0.00	\$229,990.80	\$167,021.24	\$0.00		\$0.00				\$62,969.56
2016	\$126,697.59	\$0.00	\$126,697.59	\$0.00		\$0.00				\$0.00
2015	\$183.07	\$0.00	\$7.91	\$175.16		\$0.00				\$0.00
MOTOR VEHICLE EX										
FY 2016	\$0.00	\$77,111.38	\$71,472.20	\$811.75		\$441.19				\$5,268.62
2015	\$4,650.44	\$246.04	\$3,461.71	\$410.30		\$367.40				\$1,391.87
2014	\$1,731.46	\$0.00	\$1,339.79	\$0.00		\$0.00				\$391.67
2013	\$1,432.82	\$0.00	\$1,000.73	\$0.00		\$0.00				\$432.09
2012	\$349.59	\$0.00	\$13.13	\$0.00		\$0.00				\$336.46
2011	\$170.83	\$0.00	\$58.85	\$111.98		\$0.00				\$0.00

TREASURER'S REPORT OF TRUSTS & OTHER FUNDS

Cemetery Trust

Sarah H. Symonds	50.00	The Whipples	250.00
Ellen N. Fiske	50.00	Elsom Elderidge	250.00
Chenery Fund	500.00	Nelle Porter	250.00
Lucy M. Gale	100.00	Jane Gribbin	100.00
Edwain Chapin	140.00	Barbara Wolf	250.00
Cliford J. Hager	100.00	Ralph Riddle	500.00
Walter S. Benson	200.00	Frances Malone	200.00
William Dickinson	200.00	Richard Hatch	50.00
George H. Gribbin	1,000.00	Michael Peters	250.00
Leon B. Stewart	25.00	Robert & Delores	
Ruth Whipple	250.00	Viarengo	400.00
Truman H. Safford	100.00	Joan & Gerald Gilbert	200.00
Joseph & Pamela Gilbert	200.00	Johs Clausen	225.00
Albert Burkhardt	200.00	Steven Wolf	250.00
Charles Mackie	250.00	Unknown	100.00
Total Cemetary Bequests	7,040.00		

Trust CD's	6,365.95
Trust Checking	4,670.57
Balance 12/31/2010	11,036.52

Library Trust

Felicia Welsh	500.00	Ralph Riddle	165.00
Hugh Maxwell	500.00	Leon Stewart	100.00
Charles Miller	176.00	Helen Nichols	75.00
Elizabeth Wilson	350.00	Thelma Meadon	200.00
Cultural Council Grant	88.36	Harriet Read	702.37
Building Needs - Wilmeth	50.00	Building Needs - Stein	100.00
Mildred Burrington Memorial	50.00		
Total Library Bequests	3,056.73		

Money Market Account	8,488.86
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Other Funds

Cultural Council (Arts Lottery)	1,819.10
Hands Across Heath	6,238.50
Heath General Funds	578,917.73
Park & Recreation Department	1,458.63
Read Carpenter Scholarship	2,011.93
Septic Fund	20,730.33
Stabilization Funds	377,287.54
Tropical storm Irene	757.11

Total Other Funds 989,220.87

Total of All Funds 1,008,746.25

Tax Title Accounts

Account Balance	
1/1/2016	175,161.61
Taxes Added	47,761.03
Payments Received	45,324.29
Town Acquired	
Property	133,235.34
Remove Tax title error	
Account Balance	
12/31/2016	44,363.01

TOWN CLERK'S ANNUAL REPORT

2016 VITAL RECORDS

Because of the number of fraudulent acts that have been done utilizing vital record lists, the Registry of Vital Records has issued a directive that these lists not be published. As a result, names will no longer be published in the Town Report, only the total number for the year.

Births - 3 Marriages - 1 Deaths - 5

2016 DOG LICENSES SOLD

Male Dogs	16 @ \$10	\$160
Female Dogs	16 @ \$10	\$160
Neutered Male Dogs	73 @ \$5	\$365
Spayed Female Dogs	50 @ \$5	\$250
Kennel (4-10 dogs)	1 @ \$25	\$25
Service Dogs	1 @ no cost	

Total:	157 Single Licenses	\$960.00
	Less Fees Retained	-156.00
	Less License & Tag Expense	- 101.49
	Paid to Revolving Dog Fund	\$702.52

ELECTION LAW CHANGES

The year saw an addition to voting opportunities with the enactment of Early Voting regulations that occurred for the first time during the two weeks leading up to the November 8th General Election. This option was chosen by 21 percent of the voters who cast ballots. As the current law reads, Early Voting will become an option with each biennial state election. At the present time this is yet another unfunded mandate, the Massachusetts Town Clerks Association is lobbying to have additional state funds appropriated to cover the additional financial burden this law has placed on municipalities.



AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION

This year the Heath Agricultural Commission sent out a 3 town survey (Heath, Colrain and Charlemont) to consumers and producers, in order to educate ourselves as to the agricultural needs of the community. Based on the survey, the committee is exploring grants and other opportunities to support more local production and more local purchasing.

Doug Mason
Jessica Van Steensburg
Nina Marshall
Sean Neill
Haynes Turkle

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

The New Year started out with the Assessors processing abatements for Fiscal Year 2016. As spring came, our office began conducting inspections of building permits, demolitions and properties on the town's cyclical inspection list. The Department of Revenue (DOR) requires the Assessors of Massachusetts to visit every property in each town once every nine years

The year of 2016 brought more change to the Assessors Office. In May, Heidi Griswold ran for the position of elected assessor, previously she was appointed to fill out an open term. August brought the Annual Assessing School at UMass and Robyn Provost-Carlson went to Course 101, while Alice Wozniak taught Course 1; Sales Comparison Approach. In mid September, Heather Hathwell was appointed to the 3rd seat on the Board. Heather is new to town but brings a lot of contract review knowledge to the office as we are preparing to enter into a large re-mapping contract.

Education is so important in the Assessing field as the laws under which we operate continually change and update. The Board of Assessors is the only elected board that the state requires its members within two years of taking office to successfully complete a 30 hour course and examination. Failure to do so jeopardizes the DOR approval of the town's tax rate.

In Fiscal Year 2016, the office granted 3 abatements totaling \$92,900 of value which translates into \$1,854.29 of tax dollars. There is currently one appeal filed at the Appellate Tax Board. As we inspect properties in town, our property record card accuracy continues to improve which promotes fair and equitable assessments. We encourage all residents to check the information on their property record cards periodically, especially after any building permit or demolition work has been completed.

With fall nearing, the office readied to set the Fiscal Year (FY) 2017 tax rate. This year was an interim year which requires less prep work than a revaluation year. By November 18th, the Town of Heath set their tax rate, almost 3 weeks earlier than last year.

The Heath tax rate for Fiscal Year 2016 was \$20.99/per \$1,000.00 of valuation. The Town of Heath's parcel count, total assessed values for each major class of properties and their percentage of the Levy Limit is as follows:

Classification	Valuation	%
Residential [947 parcels]	\$ 78,806,900	86.8066
Commercial [93 parcels]	\$ 898,189	0.9894
Industrial [1 parcel]	\$ 122,200	0.1346
Personal Property [6 accounts]	\$ 10,957,161	12.0694
Total amount of 20176 Property Tax Levy		\$ 90,784,450 100.00%

Our new Board is working on the Directives from DOR for certification in Fiscal Year 2018. While this seems a long way out, it really is this year and several items will take multiple years to complete. One of the biggest challenges our office faced was getting our maps renumbered, updated and compatible with GIS (geographic information system) which our emergency services use; however, the Town of Heath applied and was granted an IT Grant through the Department of Revenue that funded the majority of the \$60,000 dollar project. A second part of that project will be getting our property card information online. Many communities have this already and it is helpful for property owners, realtors, etc. especially since our office is open only one day a week.

There are several property tax exemptions for the elderly varying in amounts from \$175 to \$500. Each exemption is based on income guidelines and as economic times become more difficult, we encourage the elderly to contact the office to see whether you may qualify. Any information that is provided to qualify for these exemptions is strictly confidential and is not available to the general public. Also available are exemptions for the blind and veterans.

We want the general public to know that assessing is a very complicated field and the DOR sets forth very strict guidelines with which our office must comply. That said, our office is open to the public for any questions Wednesdays 9:00-3:00 p.m. Our board meets on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of every month at 7:00 p.m. in the Assessor's office (unless otherwise posted). If you would like to set up an appointment to meet with the Board, please call the office at 337-4934 Ext. 3.

Respectfully submitted,
 Robyn Provost-Carlson, Chair
 Heidi Griswold
 Heather Hathwell
 Alice Wozniak, MAA and Assistant Assessor

BOARD OF HEALTH

Members 2016 January – October

Karen Brooks, Chairman
 Armand Clavette
 Charlie Cornish
 Mike Freeman
 Betsy Kovacs
 Gloria Fisher, Clerk

Members 2016 November – December

Betsy Kovacs, Chairman
 Armand Clavette
 Henry Godek, M.D.
 Susan Gruen
 Tucker Jenkins

Glen Ayers, FRCOG Health Agent

- Monitored compliance with various public health regulations and issued warnings for violations. These included residing in a property without a septic system or in a camper/trailer without a temporary occupancy permit; storing more than two unregistered vehicles on a property; and others.
- Approved perc tests; Title V inspections which were witnessed by our Health Agent; issued well permits and food service permits and bnb inspections.
- Issued one condemnation notice.
- Issued temporary occupancy permits.
- Held annual Clean Sweep Day at the transfer station.
- Considered Brownfields evaluations for two properties. With Board of Selectmen decided not to pursue Brownfields grants for Town at this time.
- Offered tick testing to Town residents for \$15 with Town paying \$15 for each test.
- Published articles on public health issues in The Heath Herald. Included information on mosquito control; Zika virus; tick testing and protecting against Lyme disease.
- Board of Health members participated in meetings of FRCOG Cooperative Public Health Service Oversight Board, Mohawk Area Public Health Coalition Steering Committee; Western Massachusetts Health and Medical Coordinating Coalition (HMCC) 94-town funded by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health. The HMCC coordinates public health and medical emergency preparedness in Region 1 (Berkshire, Franklin, Hampden, and Hampshire Counties) as well as many other public health informational and management meetings.
- Our Town Nurse Claire Babbitt provided prevention services and some monitoring services to town residents and gave flu vaccinations and held a flu clinic.
- Held an informational meeting with Heath Planning Board for Town residents to discuss possibility of having unattached secondary dwellings permitted in Heath. Little interest so no further action.

- FRCOG nurse Lisa White expanded her support of Heath Town nurse Claire Rabbit to assist in reporting data on-line and prevention services.
- For the coming year the Board of Health members are focused on maintaining a safe and healthy environment for our residents and visitors. In partnership with the Planning Board, we will enforce compliance with zoning and Board of Health regulations including septic, food service, short-term occupancy, temporary occupancy, unregistered vehicles and others. By cooperating together as Heathens, we can continue to enjoy the richness and beauty of our Town. We will also provide information on tips for staying healthy and preventing disease. We welcome suggestions and requests for keeping Heath healthy and safe.

Submitted by Betsy Kovacs
Board of Health Chairman

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

2016 saw significant work on the part of employees, elected officials, volunteers and citizens throughout the year to ensure ongoing support to town services for residents, and in support of all that we know and love about our Town. Some highlights of various infrastructure improvements follow:

Improvements to Town Buildings

Community Hall and Sawyer Hall were insulated. Sawyer Hall also had snow guards installed to prevent large amounts of ice falling. Senior Center access was repaved after the Highway Department resolved a drainage problem that caused water and ice buildup. Additional special projects continuing into 2017 include the Community Hall replacement of emergency egress stairs at the back of the building; repair of the steps in front; and repairs to front columns at Fire Department building.

Transfer Station Renovations

The Select Board has received an engineering design plan for the renovations to the transfer station to address DEP regulations for transfer stations that become more stringent since the first compactor was installed. BIDS will be reviewed and the work is expected to be completed by August, 2017.

Heath Elementary School/Regional Agreement

The challenges presented by declining school enrollment and rising costs of education led the Heath Select Board to appoint a special task force to explore Heath's options to ensure quality education for Heath students that is also affordable and assures Heath parents have a voice in the education of their children. Throughout 2016 the Heath Education Initiative Task Force worked extremely hard, meeting weekly to study the problem. In February 2017 the Task Force recommended to the Select Board and Finance Committee that Heath Elementary School should be closed and that Heath Elementary Students should be tuitioned to Hawlemont Elementary until a new Regional Agreement with Hawley and Charlemont could be created. Several Public meetings on this subject were held during 2016-17 and a

letter was sent from the Select Board to inform residents of the decision and upcoming discussions. It is anticipated that at the May 2017 ATM residents will vote on a change to the MTRSD regional agreement that will effect this change, and that Heath students will attend Hawlemont as of September 2017.

It is with great sadness that we face the need to close our beautiful school that was opened in 1995 and built because of the fact that Heath could not find a town willing to collaborate with Heath by accepting all our elementary-aged children under one roof and also assure Heath parents a voice in educational matters. At the time we built the school we had 116 Heath students enrolled. Our peak enrollments was 125. Today we have 26 Heath students enrolled in a school that costs 1.1 million to operate – a situation deemed unsustainable both educationally and fiscally.

We are very encouraged at the warm welcome from the Towns of Hawley and Charlemont and know that as difficult as this change is, that we will find good collaboration as we integrate all that we love about Heath School with our new partners in education.

IT grant use

Kara Leistyna, Town Coordinator applied for a grant, and Heath was awarded \$55,000 for an IT/Community Compact grant that was used to update Assessor's Property Mapping software that will also be compatible with GIS. There are many benefits to residents by this upgrade.

HFD grants and donations

The Heath Volunteer Fire Department and members of the Heath Firefighters Association have been hard at work, and very successful, at getting grants to pay for necessary equipment, and as a result saving taxpayers money! Throughout 2016 HFD received grants totally approximately \$100,000 that will be used for personal protective firefighting equipment, SCBA's air bottles and pagers. We applaud the grant writing efforts of Chief Gilbert and Betsy Kovacs. In addition, Heath residents and the Firefighters Association stepped up and contributed \$50,000 toward the purchase of a new rescue vehicle, again saving taxpayers money. Please see the HFD annual report for details.

Broadband

With 87% approval, voters at the May 2016 Town meeting authorized borrowing \$1.45 million for the construction of a fiber-optic broadband network in Heath. Throughout the year, Heath's Broadband Committee and Selectmen have strived to stay informed about the many changes imposed by MBI on use of the state funds set aside for broadband. We continue to work with the WiredWest consortium and with MBI on this critical infrastructure issue. Progress is being made, albeit slowly. Please see Heath Broadband Committee 2016 Annual Report for details.

Bridges

Public hearings were held by the State Dept. of Transportation for replacement of bridges on Route 8A in Dell and on Sadoga Road. Construction activities will begin in spring, 2018. Work resulting in a road closure would be limited to the summer months so as not to interfere with bus routes (Dell). For Sadoga,

a Notice to Proceed was given to Clayton Davenport Trucking, Inc. and construction on this project is scheduled to begin in March, 2017 with substantial completion projected by August, 2017 and final projected for October, 2017.

Fiscal Management

In addition to overseeing the Town's budget, the Select Board with the Finance Committee have adopted a Capital Improvement Plan to assure continuity in ongoing financial management. This Plan was utilized during the FY18 budget planning process to review capital requests.

Shared Services Exploration

The Select Board has been exploring the benefits and consequences of possibly sharing certain municipal services with neighboring towns, namely Police, Fire, grant writing and Highway services. The purposes behind this exploration included an overall reduction in volunteer availability, and increases in training and regulatory requirements that are challenging for small-town forces. We have recently received a Local Technical Assistance grant that will enable FRCOG facilitation in the process as well as development of Memoranda of Understanding, if agreements are reached between towns.

Public Safety Building Project

Efforts continue to try to restore the state promised funding for Heath's Public Safety Building ever since Governor Charlie Baker cancelled the signed agreement with Heath, effectively removing state funding for the project. The grant would have matched dollar for dollar our expenditures on the project up to \$4 million. The Town's share was expected to be about 1.8 million. Members of the Municipal Safety Building Committee have met with our Legislators, and our Select Board chair and Town Coordinator traveled to Boston to meet with the Department of Administration and Finance. The Town purchased the property proposed for the project and sold another parcel deemed not to be sufficient for the project. The need for a new Highway and Fire Department facility remains critical and the Select Board and Municipal Safety Building Committee members will continue to be in touch with our elected representatives to attempt to restore this funding. We will pursue until our legislators inform us that there is no hope of restoring the funding. At that point, we would request the town rescind the borrowing authorization and begin to reevaluate how to provide for this critical infrastructure need.

Farewell to Margo Newton

Margo Newton retired from Heath Police Department after 24 years on the force, including serving as Chief since 2004. A celebration in her honor organized by Margo's family and Town personnel was a meaningful sendoff and recognition that was attended by many Margo admirers. Our sincerest thanks to Margo for all she has done for the Town over the years.

The Select Board appointed Melinda Herzig to replace Margo.

Code Red (Reverse 9-1-1)

We use Code Red to send urgent messages to residents such as road closures, states of emergency, and reminders of essential Town Meetings. If you are not signed on to the Town's Code Red Emergency Notification System, please register your phone numbers with this secure system to ensure you will be included when an urgent town-wide message is sent – unlisted numbers, mobile numbers, TDD/TTY requirements can all be entered. You can add, change or update your numbers through the link on the Town website. If you have questions, please contact Town Coordinator at 337-4934, ext. 0.

Town Website

Kara Leistyna, Town Coordinator and Broadband Committee member, and Erich Holan have been working to upgrade the Town website. The new site once launched, will include everything on the current site plus more, and will be very beautiful and user-friendly. In case you don't already know, you can pay your tax bills online through the Tax Collectors webpage. Information on the rollout of the updated website will be forthcoming, but in the meanwhile take some time to visit the current Town's Web site at www.townofheath.org.

~ Heath Selectboard
Sheila Litchfield, Chair
Brian De Vriese
Robyn Provost-Carlson

CEMETERY COMMISSION

Several lots were purchased in the Heath cemeteries and deeds issued in 2016. For information on purchasing lots or other questions see the Town Cemetery Rules and Regulations incorporated in the Town Bylaws on the Town of Heath website. For any other questions regarding burials or to purchase a lot call Sexton, Matthew Lively or one of the Cemetery Commissioners.

Respectfully Submitted,
Claire Rabbitt, Chairman
Jerry Gilbert, Secretary
Eric Sumner

COMMUNITY HALL COMMITTEE

The community hall is in constant use daily and evenings. We are lucky to have such a facility available for many different types of functions. There are craft & painting classes, a weekly Yoga class, the Foot Clinic and our monthly Senior meals. The hall has also been rented for private parties.

More improvements have been made to the hall. Replacement windows have been installed downstairs and insulation has been installed in the attic. This has helped to make the hall more energy efficient and has improved the overall comfort level for those who are using it. Hopefully, the town will be able to obtain an energy grant that should allow us to get a new furnace and to finish replacing the rest of the windows. These ongoing improvements will help to maintain our community hall.

If you would like to rent the hall, please contact Margo Newton at 413-339-8580. A Community Hall Use Form can be obtained on the Town of Heath website, www.townofheath.org. The forms can also be picked up at the Town Hall.

Respectfully Submitted,
Margo Newton, Chair
Dolly Churchill
Tracy Schott
Don Dekker
Ruth Corey
Marion Churchill

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The Conservation Commission has been meeting on an as needed basis over the past year. In 2016 the ConCom reviewed 3 Requests for Determination of Applicability (RFD) of the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act or of the Town of Heath Wetlands Protection Bylaw. A number of building and septic system permit applications were reviewed for the presence of wetland or other resource areas. Bill Lattrell continues to serve as a consultant to the Commission and does most of the permit reviews for the FCCIP building inspection sign-off requirement. The FCCIP online permitting system allows the Conservation Commission to access and sign off on permit online. The comments may also be posted on the permit application regarding the status of the ConCom review. This system has greatly reduced the turnaround time for signing off on permit applications. All other Town officials required to sign off are able to use the online system.

Jessica Van Steensburg declined reappointment for FY18. We are grateful for her participation in the past year and wish her well. The Selectboard appointed Cat Hannigan to fill the vacancy.

Current members of the Commission are: Ellen Jenkins, Buck DenOuden, Cat Hannigan, Dennis Peters, Brian De Vriese.

Respectfully submitted,
Brian De Vriese - Chair

COUNCIL ON AGING

Unfortunately this year brought another loss to our town and the Council on Aging. Our Chair Eileen Tougas passed away in July. She will be sadly missed and a hard act to follow.

Attendance is still great at our Senior Meals with the number of diners still averaging around 40. The meals prepared by Sharon Call have helped to make this a great success.

The COA is always looking for ideas and suggestions that would benefit our seniors. If there are some functions that you would like the COA to consider please let us know.

Respectfully submitted,
Margo Newton, Chair
Ali Thane Stetson
Teresa Peters,
Jean Lamothe

CULTURAL COUNCIL

For 2016-2017, the Heath Cultural Council (HCC) included Kara Leistyna, Chair, Bob Gruen, Susan Draxler, Lorena Loubsky, Larry Sampson, and Suzanne Hannay. We awarded \$4,750* to fund 21 diverse programs and events in Heath including: Heath Herald; Heath Fair music; Heath Elementary School's strings lessons; Eileen Lively's Heath Fair 100th Anniversary Mosaic Project; Heath Library's summer reading & craft program; The 2017 Heath Artist's Exhibit. Further afield, we supported exhibits and programs at The Shelburne Falls Art Garden, The Charlemont Forum, Pothole Pictures, Mohawk Trail Concert Series, Pioneer Valley Symphony, and many others. For a complete listing please visit our council's webpage at: <https://www.mass-culture.org/Heath>

We will be holding a community input meeting & survey this spring. Feel free to email Lorena Loubsky, wildlor@gmail.com or call: 624-3842, with any ideas, comments, or questions. Your feedback and thoughts are always welcome! There will be at least one opening to serve on the council at the end of June. We have a jovial meeting once or twice a year. Please let our Chair, Kara Leistyna, know if you are interested in joining at lejardin64@gmail.com or call: 337-4934, ext. 0. We look forward to hearing from you.

**\$4400 annual allocation & \$350 in unused prior grants*

Respectfully offered,
Lorena Loubsky

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

In January I Attended a regional shelter meeting and walk through at Mohawk high school. This is the location if needed, to shelter anyone from the west county towns in the event that sheltering is needed during a long term disaster (similar to the Ice storm of 2008). I also attended a HazMat awareness class in March which is required of all public safety personnel. I attended several EMD meetings which provides us updated information and the status of ongoing projects which benefit us in the long run. Once again Heath participated in the annual combined EDS drill/Flu clinic (Charlemont, Hawley, Heath, Rowe and Monroe) on October 29th and this year during the drill we tested our online capability with the state, both with MEMA and the DPH. I participated in the annual WEBEOC online drill in November.

Again a \$2,220.00 EMPG grant was applied for and received and was used for partial payment of our Reverse 911 alert system and for a new computer system at the EOC.

Respectfully submitted,
Timothy Lively
Emergency Management Director

FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Finance Committee continues to work with the Selectboard to monitor the Town's finances with the goal of having tax dollars used as wisely as possible. In May Jeff Simmons was elected to a three year term. The committee chose Don Freeman to continue as Chair and Ned Wolf as Secretary. Gloria Fisher served on the Heath Education Task Force and Jan Carr on the Heath Broadband Committee.

The Finance Committee recommended the passage of the Articles on the Warrant of the April 5, 2016 Special Town Meeting (STM). The voters approved various transfers of funds including the transfer of \$37,000 from the Winter Salt/Sand and Other Account to the Machinery Maintenance and Supplies Account for the repair of truck #3 which was bought in 2005. The cylinder supporting the truck body broke away as a load was being dumped, and a new stainless steel body was part of the repair.

Through the early months of 2016 the Finance Committee worked with the Selectboard to recommend a budget that was approved by the voters at the Annual Town Meeting (ATM) on May 7, 2016. The Fiscal Year 2017 tax rate of \$20.99, which was certified by the state in December 2016, is \$0.23 lower than our estimate in May. The Fiscal Year 2017 tax rate of \$20.99 is a 2.34% increase over the Fiscal Year 2016 rate of \$20.51.

Voters examined each line of Article 3. A 12.34% increase in the salary of the Town Coordinator, which had been under rate since Fiscal Year 2015, brought it to rate. There was an assessment of \$1000 paid to WiredWest to support its work in preparing to bring a fiber-optic broadband network to the towns. There was an increase

of 22.83% in the stipend of the Fire Chief to make that position more marketable. Historically, the accounts for the Highway and Fire departments were combined. In Fiscal Year 2017 they were separated with the setting up of two new accounts: Fire Department Maintenance/Utilities and Emergency Vehicle Maintenance. Heath's contribution to the Veterans Service Center dropped by 28.67% because the Town is now a member of the Upper Pioneer Valley Veterans Service District, an organization that has maintained support for veterans while lowering the contributions from most communities. The 45.37% increase for the annual payment to CW Mars Library, which was offset in part by a grant, includes e-Books, e-Audio, and e-Video which in previous years was a separate assessment. The Town employees' health insurance through the Hampshire Group increased by 6.6%. This accounted for much of the 8.18% increase for the County Retirement System. The \$10K for Special Projects went to insulate both Sawyer Hall and the Community Hall. The enrollment of 18 children in Pre-School resulted in a 50% increase in Pre-School Support. The Landfill Expense line, which did not need funding for FY2016, needed \$5K for FY2017 to cover the annual sampling, inspection, and mowing required by the Mass DEP.

Heath's assessment for the Mohawk Trail Regional School District increased from \$772,079 to \$795,523 a 3% increase. Due to increased enrollment from Heath in the Franklin County Technical School, the Town's assessment for that school increased by \$35,105.

The passage of Article 17 set up an Assessors' Property Tax Mapping Stabilization Account by transferring \$30K from General Stabilization to the new fund. This will allow the implementation of a geographic information system (GIS) to facilitate assessment and administration in accordance with the Fiscal Year 2018 Certification Directive from the DOR. An IT grant covered the costs of both the Assessors' mapping software and the Tax Collector's new software. This IT grant became available after the Town signed Heath's Community Compact on February 11, 2016 with Lt. Gov. Karyn Polito present.

One of Heath's commitments in signing the compact is to work with Joe Markarian of the FRCOG on Capital Planning. Joe has run a computer model of a long term capital plan using input from Ken Gilbert and Mike Shattuck about their projected needs for the Fire and Highway departments. The model includes the general stabilization fund as well as Heath's special purpose stabilization funds and is a useful guide for investing in those funds. There will be a Capital Improvement Committee made up of members of the Selectboard and the Finance Committee. There will be forms for departments to prioritize their equipment needs.

It became clear in the summer of 2016 that the Town would need a new rescue vehicle. Fortunately, the Fire Department Association contributed \$25,000 and generous private donations combined for another \$25,000.

The Fire Chief applied for a grant for 15 new sets of breathing apparatus. The Town was successful in getting the \$86,000 SCBA federal grant.

The Finance Committee recommended articles 1-5 of the Warrant of the October 25, 2016 Special Town Meeting. The voters approved all five articles including the transfer of \$32,000 from the Equipment/Vehicle Stabilization Fund to the Highway Machinery Maintenance/Supplies Account for a new transmission for the grader. The estimated cost of a new grader would have been \$300,000, and the new transmission should help extend the grader's life for six years.

Our concerns for the new year include the uncertainty of education costs related to negotiations involving members of the School Committee, the Heath Education Task Force, and other parties.

We anticipate the completion of the compactor project as well as highway equipment needs. We look forward to the fiscal challenges of Fiscal Year 2018.

The Heath Finance Committee
Don Freeman (Chair)
Ned Wolf (Secretary)
Jeffrey Simmons
Gloria Fisher
Jan Carr

FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Heath Fire Department has received 3 grants this fiscal year. One is an Assistance to Firefighters Grant for an amount of \$88,343. It is being used to purchase new self-contained breathing apparatus and personal protection equipment. Another grant of \$ 11,939 was from the state of Massachusetts to buy new pagers to be alerted in the event of a 911 call. The third grant was from Massachusetts Department of Conservation & Recreation services to buy new wildfire personal protection clothing.

We have a new 2017 Rescue Truck, which is a 1 ton truck, bought with donations from generous residents and the Firefighters' Association. It took a lot of chicken BBQ's to get us to be able to donate a significant amount to start off the campaign and with the help from residents it was achievable.

We lost Eli Smith to the United States Army. Best of luck to Eli.

The Department continues to actively recruit in attempt to have a stronger team of dedicated volunteers. It is extremely hard to find volunteers that can make the time commitment as an active member, plus attend trainings necessary to stay compliant to regulations. Adjacent towns are experiencing the same challenges so we all rely heavily on each other for mutual aid for man power. That may be why you see so many fire trucks at what may seemingly be a small fire. If you have the time and interest, please call the department as we need more members that can fill these requirements. We especially invite the youth of Heath to join the department,

and encourage anyone to become a member of the association. You do not need to be a member of the department to be an association member. Anyone is welcome.

On the first Thursday of the month at 6 P.M. we meet for the Association meeting followed by training and again on the third Tuesday of the month at 6 P.M for active fire training.

We continue do our best to provide a safe and workable environment for our volunteers serving Heath, its residents, and the mutual aid communities.

Lastly, but certainly not least, again I want to thank all of the members (firefighters and EMTs) for their contributions in helping to keep the Fire Department functioning and ready to respond to help those in need!

Respectfully submitted,
Ken Gilbert

Incident Type	Total Incidents:
Building fires	3
Chimney fires	1
Fire in mobile home	1
Passenger vehicle fire	1
Natural vegetation fire	1
Forest, woods or wildland fires	1
Brush, or brush and grass mixture fire	4
Medical assist, assist EMS crews	21
Emergency medical service incidents, other	5
Vehicle accident with injuries	1
Vehicle accident without injuries	1
Water rescue/recovery	1
Gas leak (LPG)	1
Heat from short circuit wiring	1
Power lines down	10
Vehicle accident, general cleanup	3
Cover assignment, other fire stations	2
Dispatched & cancelled enroute	1
False alarm	1
Smoke detector activation due to malfunction	3
Smoke detector activation, no fire – unintentional	1
Alarm system sounded due to malfunction	1
Citizen complaint	1
Total number of incidents	68

HEATH BROADBAND COMMITTEE

The Heath Broadband Committee was formed in 2016 when it became obvious that the challenges of bringing broadband to Heath were significantly more involved than what our WiredWest representatives alone could do because of constraints established by Massachusetts Broadband Institute (MBI) for town access to state funds set aside specifically for broadband to unserved towns. The Broadband Committee met throughout the year, occasionally with neighboring towns to share information learned and ideas to move the project forward. Also throughout this time the MBI requirements for towns kept changing, and the WiredWest regional broadband solution that we have been partnering with also changed its business plan.

To date, the Town has not borrowed any of the \$1.45 million authorized by voters for broadband and it remains unclear exactly what system we will have and exactly when we might have service. As frustrating as this has been, we are beginning to see some light in recent changes made at the state level. We are hopeful that plans can be solidified soon and we expect that 2017 will see significant progress in this area. As of this writing the pole surveys have begun in Heath and new proposals are on the table for our consideration.

Many in Heath at present may not require broadband because they don't use a computer, or they have dial-up, satellite or Verizon connections that meet their daily

needs. What becomes more obvious as time passes is that internet development has become the most significant economic and social development tool available to rural hilltowns like ours. Small home businesses, students and teachers at schools, people who are employed elsewhere but can work at home over the internet, and people who want to sell their houses are all finding it difficult to compete with other areas that have broadband. Property values in Heath where no broadband is available have begun to be negatively affected.

In order for our town and our young people not to be left behind, the committee is doing due diligence to find the best path for us to gain what is rapidly becoming a necessary public utility. The Committee is presently exploring all high-speed internet options available, and the associated costs, and anticipates holding informational meetings once plans are further along.

Sincerely, Heath Broadband Committee:
Sheila Litchfield, Chair (and BOS rep)
Erich Holan
Jan Carr (Finance Committee rep)
Art Schwenger (Wiredwest alternate)
Al Canali (WiredWest rep)
Kara Leistyna
Gloria Fisher (Finance Committee rep)
Heather Row
David Muenkle

HEATH FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Library hours are Mondays from 3 PM to 7 PM, Wednesdays from Noon to 7 PM, and Saturdays from 9:30 AM to 1:30 PM. Please stop by and see what's new in our collection of books, audio books, DVDs, music CDs, and magazines. If we don't have what you are looking for we will request a copy from another library and have it delivered here, or show you how to do it yourself with your library card. Visit our website www.heathlibrary.org to find the online library catalog, information about current library events, and links to other online resources. Use your smartphone, tablet, e-reader, or computer and download e-books, audio books and videos. Go to a museum and save on the admission fee with our passes for the Clark Art Institute and MASS MoCA, or plan an outdoor adventure and use one of the two parking passes valid at many of the Massachusetts State Parks.

The library has a desktop computer, two laptop computers and a printer available for use by patrons. People may also bring their own laptops, tablets, or smartphones and use the Wi-Fi provided by the town from a wireless router in Sawyer Hall.

Wellness, Fitness, and Sports was the theme of the 2016 summer reading program. Twenty-nine children signed up, and many turned in their reading logs at the end of the summer to receive a \$10 gift certificate to World Eye Bookshop and were

entered into the raffle for t-shirts and other prizes. The library also offered two hikes and two yoga sessions for children and their families, led by Lyra Johnson-Fuller. Thank-you to the Friends of the Library and the Heath Cultural Council for providing the program funding. The theme for the summer of 2017 is Architecture, Building, Construction, Environment, and Social Awareness and the children's program slogan is "Build a Better World."

Preschool Story Hour meets two or three times per month from September through early June. Lyra Johnson-Fuller reads stories to the children, then works on a craft project with them. Thank-you to the Friends of the Library for funding preschool story hour this year.

The library hosted two art exhibits by the Heath Senior Art Class. Opening receptions were well attended. Thank you to Eileen McVay-Lively for coordinating the receptions and hanging the artwork.

Material circulation figures: FY 2016 – 16,172, FY2015 – 16,403, FY2014 – 16,602. Inter-library loans received from other libraries: FY2016 – 3,016, FY2015 – 3,100, FY2014 3,378. Inter-library loans provided to other libraries: FY2016 – 2,382, FY2015 – 2,585, FY2014 – 2,780. Patron visits averaged 102 per week. Twenty children's programs and two adult programs were held.

I thank the Board of Library Trustees, library assistant Lyra Johnson-Fuller, the Friends of the Heath Free Public Library for their help and support this year.

Respectfully submitted,
Donald J. Purington
Library Director

Board of Library Trustees:

Jan Carr (term expires May 2019)
Deborah Porter, Chair (term expires May 2018)
Emily Cross (term expires May 2017)

HEATH TELECOM - WiredWest

At this writing workers are beginning the process of pole surveys in Heath. This is needed to place fiber optic cable on the poles. The presence of people standing in front of utility poles in town is a sign of progress in our desire to provide broadband to the town. This is the beginning stage of what is needed to design a fiber optic network here. After a series of policy changes by the Massachusetts Broadband Institute (MBI) the town continues to work with MBI which has set the standards for Heath and other towns to receive their share of the funding appropriated by the state for this project. MBI engineers are working with the town to help design and build the network.

The Heath Broadband Committee has been in agreement that the most efficient and economical way to build and operate this network would be through a regional effort. The only plan for this was developed by WiredWest. Though MBI agreed with the regional concept, their philosophy was to have towns build and operate their network individually and let the regional idea develop “on its own.” MBI has been reluctant to recognize WiredWest’s efforts, though they have not presented an alternative. Though the committee pointed out that a regional solution had been available to us through WiredWest, it was clear that the only way forward was to comply with MBI. Once we had control of the network we could join an existing regional group or choose the one developed by WiredWest. We moved forward and received all the necessary permissions from MBI which has allowed us to access our share of the grant money due to us.

Meanwhile, the Heath Broadband Committee has been exploring all technical options to provide affordable, sustainable broadband to the town. During this time, MBI, with direction from Governor Charlie Baker’s office changed policy once again by releasing a Request For Proposal (RFP) for a public/private partnership to build the network using the state grant money. The hope was that private companies would step in and provide the service. The responses from private bidders were inadequate and over budget. The next change in policy was to embrace the regional solution. We are way ahead of them!

Shortly after the RFP results WiredWest presented its plan to operate the network for all towns that wish to participate in the cooperative. The Heath Broadband Committee is studying this proposal now. It is available online at WIREDWEST.NET. WiredWest is working directly with the governor’s office to gain acceptance of this plan. The Heath Broadband Committee has also been meeting with neighboring towns to study various alternatives to operating our networks alone.

Respectfully Submitted,
Al Canali

HEATH VETERANS MEMORIAL COMMITTEE

Much work on the Veterans Memorial was accomplished in 2016. The fundraising effort was a success. Due to the generosity of our community and many outside of Heath, the initial fundraising goal of \$10,000 was more than met with a current tally of \$14,230.24. Names of donors will be on permanent display in the Community Hall.

With this money, we hired Matt Lively to prepare the site around the existing flagpole. The Highway Department helped immensely with the retrieval of four stones to which bronze plaques will be affixed. It took many months to go around town and find stones appropriate for this project. Thanks go out to John Palmer and Suzanne Hannay, Alan and Betty Nichols, Michael Birney deLeeuw, and the Heath Agricultural Society (HAS) for donating these large stones. Also, thanks to Howard Dickinson for allowing passage through his field to retrieve one stone.

Matt Lively, the Highway Department, and Hawk Kaminski, our hired stonemason, worked together to place the stones on the common. It was a difficult task, especially the quartz center stone from the HAS, which weighed an estimated seven tons!

The Committee has been working all year to finalize the names. This process of reviewing and verifying names from the Revolutionary War to the present has been a challenging task. We will provide a copy of the names and other records to be archived in the Town Hall for reference purposes by interested families and genealogists.

For the coming year, we plan to attach the plaques to the stones listing names of all Heath veterans, install a new flagpole with lighting and finish the grading of the Memorial site. If there is enough money remaining, we plan to finish the stone work, by connecting the main stones with four stone benches, as conceived in our drawings, which can be reviewed at the library and town hall. When this phase begins we will be looking for volunteers to bring their stones to be part of the memorial and possibly to help with its construction. We plan to dedicate the memorial on a date appropriate to honor veterans.

Respectfully submitted,
Bob Bourke, Co-chair
Dave Howland, Co-chair
Jerry Gilbert, Secretary
Dennis Peters, Veterans Representative
Peter Smith

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

The winter of 2016 was pretty much a “no show” with the biggest snow fall in April. During that time, the crew did some preventive maintenance on some snow equipment, and chipped brush. In February, we had a big wash out on Brunelle Road that closed the road until the repair was complete. In March we sent out truck#3 to have the chase sand blasted, painted, and to install a stainless steel body.

In the summer starting in June we began the improvement of Royer Road with tree cutting, brush chipping, stump pulling, adding drainage, and bringing in gravel to finish the 1,000 feet extension of that road in September. Also, Dell Road was paved and new guard rail was installed along with sections of Judd Road. Crack seal was done on the following roads: Number Nine Road, the oldest section of Rt. 8A, Branch Hill, Colrain Stage, the center of Town and West Main Street. From there we worked with the sheriff’s department cutting brush along Avery Brook, Number Nine, Long Hill and Colrain Stage Road.

The last sprint before winter shows his face we finish up fall grading we put out 260 tons of black top filling in wheel ruts with the tractor and blade box on the South Road, Burrington Road, Avery Brook Road, School house, East Main Street, and patched holes on West Branch. With some time left before readied the trucks for winter, we worked on shoulders of Dell Road to finish the 2016 construction season.

Michael Shattuck
Highway Superintendent

HISTORICAL COMMISSION

The Heath Historical Commission re-formed with the addition of two members: Heather Hathwell and Scott Peterson, bringing us back into compliance with a minimum membership of three. The Commonwealth recommends a local Commission of seven members. Please consider joining us in continuing our work to record and document Heath's history.

During this past year, more information was provided to the Massachusetts Historical Commission (MHC) concerning our proposal to extend the Heath Historical District boundary to include the Seth Temple House (55 South Road), the Samuel Hunt Home (59 South Road), the Stephen Barker House (44 West Hosmer Road), and the Fairgrounds, a project that was begun in 2012.

We are pleased to report that MHC has finally completed their nomination of the Heath Center Historic District Boundary Increase to the National Register of Historic Places. The nomination is scheduled to be presented on Wednesday, March 8, 2017, at 1:00 p.m. at the Massachusetts State Archives, 220 Morrissey Boulevard, Dorchester Massachusetts. A copy of the nomination has been sent to the Heath Library for public access.

Respectfully submitted,
Margaret H. Freeman (Chair)
Heather Hathwell
Scott Peterson

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

This year we added two new members, Mary Holan and Lyra Johnson-Fuller. It is great to have them on board and look forward to their ideas.

The committee will miss Sue Draxler and Betsy Kovacs who resigned.

There are Yoga classes offered at the Community Hall. They are on Wednesdays from 6 P.M. to 7 P.M. with Kate Peppard as instructor. All are welcome.

Also the basketball court was cleared, lines repainted, and new nets installed. As always the committee welcomes additional members and ideas.

Respectfully submitted,
Bob Bourke, Chair
Robin Jenkins
Sue Draxler
Betsy Kovacs
Lyra Johnson-Fuller
Mary Holan

PLANNING BOARD

This year the Heath Planning Board began discussions with the Board of Health, looking into the possibility of creating zoning regulations allowing a small detached additional dwelling on a building lot. This would be similar to the regulations for attached dwellings (apartments) that we have in the bylaws currently. We also reviewed several applications for special permits and division of property.

Respectfully submitted,
Douglas Mason

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Total calls this year increased from last year. We had 105 calls that required response of action from the police department. As always, this total does not include calls to my home or the calls covered by the state police.

Calls for 2016 are listed below:

209A service	2	Noise complaint	1	Domestic	1
Lock out	1	Assault	1	Summons service	1
Abandoned 911	11	Officer wanted	2	Fire non-specific	2
Medical emergency	4	B & E	1	Suspicious person	2
911	4	Paper work service	2	Fireworks	1
Missing person	1	B & E past	1	Suspicious MV	1
911 hang up	1	Annoying phone call	1	Illegal burn	1
MV accident no injury	8	Check Welfare	4	Traffic hazard	3
Abandoned MV	1	Repossession	1	Keep the peace	1
MV complaint	1	Car vs deer	1	Trespass	1
Alarm/Burglary	9	Safety hazard	5	Larceny	2
MV accident w/injury	1	Disturbance	4	Unwanted person	1
Animal complaint	1	Service call	2	Line down	4
MV violation	5	Disabled MV	3	Vandalism	1
Assist other agency	1	Shots fired	2		

Some of the calls were covered by the State Police and not all medical calls were attended by the Police Department.

The Heath Police Department does appreciate the calls from concerned residents. If you have questions or are concerned about something you heard or saw please feel free to call. Office hours: Tuesday 6:00 to 8:00 or by appointment, Emergencies: Dial 911.

Respectfully submitted,
Chief Margo Newton

SENIOR CENTER

2016 was just as exciting as in the past year. Some of the same wonderful programs are still on going. Senior art, chair yoga, foot clinic and the introduction of Tai Chi with Lois Bascom. Attendance is good in all of our activities and everyone is welcome. Thank You to everyone who attends!

With best wishes,
Eileen Lively

TOWN NURSE

The number of people being seen by me this past year has remained stable with an average of 20 per month at the office and home visits. Two flu clinics were held in October with a total of 39 doses of vaccine given that month. For the season, 51 doses were given. The cost of vaccine and supplies has been covered by reimbursements from Medicare and insurances for vaccine administration and purchase. We have begun to receive reimbursement for this year and hope to purchase next season's supply with those funds again. Influenza has been prevalent in Massachusetts and throughout the nation this season and I encourage everyone to get the vaccine.

I continue to do an average of 5 INR tests monthly for people taking Coumadin and I average 2 B12 injections a month. There is a collection container for sharps boxes in my office and sharps boxes available for safe disposal of syringes through the Franklin County Solid Waste District.

The Healthy Bones and Balance exercise class is held at the Community Hall on Tuesdays from 11-12 and Thursdays from 10-11. It is a free federally funded program for anyone 55 and over to strengthen bones and muscles by using light hand held weights and ankle weights. I do this as a volunteer through the Retired Senior Volunteer Program of Hampshire and Franklin Counties.

My office hours are Tuesdays 12-1 and Thursdays 11-1 and available by appointment. The office phone is 337-4847. Messages may be left at 337-4934 extension 109 or 337-8309.

Respectfully Submitted,
Claire Rabbitt, RN

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

The ZBA met three times in 2016 to decide on one appeal and continue to meet as necessary. We currently have the legal minimum of four members and would appreciate a fifth member. If interested, contact Town Coordinator.

Dennis Peters, Chair, ZBA



School Reports



HEATH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL - PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

This year will be the 20th school year for the Heath Elementary School! In my first year as the principal of Heath School the school has undergone significant enrollment decline. Currently there are 31 Preschool through Sixth Grade aged students in the school. Despite our small numbers it has been amazing to see students work, play, and grow under the guidance of our skilled and experienced staff.

For the 2016-2017 school year we have continued our multigrade groupings though there have been some changes to the grades grouped and staff within our building. This year's teaching assignments are as follows: Preschool Anglina Read, Kindergarten/First Virginia Gary, Second/Third Jennifer Mills, Fourth/Fifth/Sixth Jenay Haskins, Special Education Valerie Lively and on a part-time basis myself and Lillian Whitsett instruct Reading and Math Intervention. We have continued to have four paraprofessionals who provide additional support in the classrooms and resource room. We have a part-time secretary, custodian, nurse and cafeteria manager. At the Heath Elementary School we are fortunate to have the support of dedicated parents and community members. Their support contribute to school field trips, extra-curricular activities and in class resources.

In August 2016, our staff met to create a common vision for the work we do at the Heath School. The following written statement that resulted has been a guide for us this year:

Nestled in the hills on the eastern slopes of the Berkshires, the Heath Elementary School collaborates with the greater Heath community, families, nature, and each other to offer students a hands-on learning experience with both a local and global perspective. We strive to empower students to reach their full potential and to inspire a love of learning within them. We encourage students to pursue their own individual passions while exposing them to the interconnected nature of the world and developing a sense of responsibility to themselves and the community. Our dedicated staff is creative, hard working, and committed to educating the whole child. At the Heath School we are committed to providing a safe learning environment for all students. Our faculty works as a team to implement cross-curricular instruction that meets students' individual needs and emphasizes student engagement and learning together.

At the Heath School we have continued in a long tradition of offering opportunities to students that extend beyond the classroom. Though we remain diligent in our instruction of core content, we also seek opportunities for our students to extend and apply their learning. With this mindset we applied for and were fortunate enough to be awarded a \$5,000 grant again this year from the Massachusetts Cultural Council. We will be continuing our partnership with the Southern Vermont Natural History Museum in a collaborative experience for students focused on the study of water. In partnership with Hilltown Youth Theatre and the Circus of Hope we also introduced a Flying Trapeze program to the students this fall and have plans to continue the partnership when the weather gets warmer.

I invite you to see the great work being done at the Heath School. Our students, staff and families have worked hard to make the school a vibrant learning community. I am humbled to be a part of it each and every day.

Respectfully submitted,
Jesse Porter-Henry, Principal

MOHAWK TRAIL REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL CO-PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Mohawk was recognized by *U.S. News and World Report* as a Silver Medal school in 2016. Schools are ranked based on student performance on state testing as well as other factors (including attendance and graduation rates) that indicate how well they prepare students for college. Using a variety of measures, *U.S. News and World Report* places Mohawk in the top 21% of schools in Massachusetts and top 9% of schools in the country. Two key principles inform this ranking process: that a great high school must serve all of its students well, not just those who are college-bound, and that it must be able to produce measurable academic outcomes to show it is successfully educating its student body across a range of performance indicators.

Mohawk educators innovate to create rich learning experiences for our students. One example is the new Integrated Arts and English course collaboration between visual arts teacher Rachel Silverman and English teacher Rachel Hoogstraten. Ninth-grade students had the option to select the English 9 section that was partnered with an arts course so that they examine connections with the visual arts as they engage in exploration of literary works as diverse as Elie Wiesel's *Night*, Marjane Satrapi's memoir *Persepolis*, and John Steinbeck's novella *Of Mice and Men*.

After several years in development as a pilot course, this year the Senior Capstone Seminar is a graduation requirement for all seniors. Four educators collaborate in offering sections of the course throughout the day: English and History teacher Bill Drake, English teacher Erik Sussbauer, French and English teacher Michelle MacInnes, and Science and Computer Science teacher Downey Meyer. The Capstone course is designed to provide students with structured support as they pursue a substantive project based on their personal interests and passions; in many instances students choose a project that is associated with a field of study or career path that interests them. The following is a sampling of these diverse projects: Max Carr is building a weather balloon; Angela Szewczyk is creating a line of clothing and plans on having a fashion show as her final project; Tyler Rice is conducting a social media experiment about phone usage and people's emotional response to having their phones taken away; Sophie Raphael has been studying how using music can help students learn and retain vocabulary words and she has spent time working in a middle school teacher's classroom to test her theory; Brendan Gerry is working on fabricating a pig roaster; Rebecca Scranton is exploring mathematics teaching by observing math classes; Mahalia Dean is building a web site to share her family's long history in the region; Emma Musante is putting together an art show; Christina Tiberii is documenting her work as an assistant director for the production of the play "The Mouse That Roared" that was staged December 16; Christina Lively is setting up a 4-H club at Mohawk; Torsten Sloan Anderson is working on creating genetically modified bacteria that glows; Adam Hallenbeck, Zeke Rodriguez, and Sarah Paige are writing and recording their own songs to record a CD; and Autumn Smith is developing a business plan for setting up a bakery business.

Mohawk continues to expand offerings in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) with Robotics and Exploring Computer Science available to all high school students. Math teachers increasingly use Inquiry-Based Learning (IBL) approaches to math instruction which emphasize active engagement and problem-solving and high school

science teachers use Process Oriented Guided Inquiry Learning approaches. Seventh grade science teacher Samantha Rutz was honored by the Massachusetts Association of Science Teachers (MAST) as the Franklin County Science Educator of the Year.

Mohawk students pursue advanced study in a wide range of subjects. In 2016 students took Advanced Placement exams in the following subjects: Calculus AB, Calculus BC, Chemistry, Comparative Government and Politics, English Language and Composition, English Literature and Composition, European History, Human Geography, Macroeconomics, Physics, U.S. Government, and U.S. History. Members of the Class of 2016 are continuing their education at Brandeis University, Campbell University, Clarkson University, Endicott College, Elms College, Fitchburg State College, Franklin Pierce University, George Washington University, Greenfield Community College, Green Mountain College, High Point University, Holyoke Community College, Keene State College, Mount Holyoke College, Oberlin College, Occidental College, Regis College, Rochester Institute of Technology, Smith College, Stonehill College, Southern Connecticut State, St. Lawrence University, Syracuse University, University of Massachusetts - Amherst, University of New England, University of Advancing Technology, and University of Tampa.

Technology continues to enrich student learning. The Class of 2016 gave 3-D printers as a class gift, and we have expanded our use of Chromebooks in the classroom. This year School Librarian Emily Willis began teaching Digital Literacy courses to middle school students, emphasizing responsible and informed use of online resources and media literacy. Teachers throughout our building focus on critical thinking and literacy skills to prepare students to be informed citizens.

Mohawk's extensive athletic program offers many opportunities. Athletic Director Fred Redeker notes that 79% of the graduating Class of 2016 played at least one sport while at Mohawk. Of those 57 students, 52 played at the varsity level of their respective sports, and 90% of those who played varsity participated in post-season play.

Our school uses Restorative Practices such as restorative circles, mediation conversations, and school-based community service assignments as part of an integrated approach to student discipline. Mohawk teachers and students have engaged in dialogue circles to support conversations regarding school culture and climate, and topics such as the role of technology in students' lives.

At the mid-point of the 2016-2017 school year, enrollment in grades 7-12 is 430. The seventh grade has 81 students and the eighth grade has 93 students. There are 57 students in grade 9, 68 in 10th grade, 69 juniors, and 62 seniors. Four students are enrolled in our post-graduate program.

Respectfully submitted,
Lynn R. Dole
Marisa Mendonsa

MOHAWK TRAIL REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT

I have had the good fortune of serving the wonderful communities of the Mohawk Trail Regional School District and Hawlemont Regional School District since 2005. My journey with Mohawk began with severe fiscal crisis, and my journey with Hawlemont soon became a similar challenge. Over the next decade, both Mohawk and Hawlemont underwent organizational transformations that resulted in both districts performing at historically high educational levels in 2016.

In June, Mohawk High School was awarded a silver medal by U.S. News & World Report in their 2016 ranking of the best high schools in the United States. On a national level, U.S. News & World Report ranked Mohawk 2,567 of 28,561 high schools in the United States, which places Mohawk among the top 9% of high schools in the nation. On a state level, U.S. News & World Report ranked Mohawk 74 of 353 high schools in Massachusetts, which places Mohawk among the top 21% of high schools in the Commonwealth. Two key principles underlie the U.S. News comprehensive rankings methodology: (1) that a great high school must serve all of its students well, not just those who are college bound and (2) that the high school must be able to produce measurable academic outcomes to show that it is successfully educating its student body across a range of performance indicators. We are very proud of our students, educators and families who have all contributed significantly to this noteworthy achievement. Congratulations!!

With Mohawk's commitment to pre-school programing district-wide, enrollment of three and four-year olds increased to a new high of 122 students in 2016. The largest increase in preschool enrollment occurred at Sanderson Academy, which now has three pre-school classes! We are hopeful that this trend will continue into the foreseeable future, which would bode very well for the district long-term. In 2016, both Buckland-Shelburne Elementary School (BSE) and Colrain Central School (CCS) experienced increases in enrollment. BSE enrollment increased 8% to 279 students, and CCS enrollment increased 13% to 117 students. In contrast, Heath Elementary experienced a precipitous drop in enrollment from 50 to 29 students. As a result, both the Mohawk School Committee and the Town of Heath are exploring the viability of Heath Elementary and are considering closing the school and tuitioning the Heath elementary students to another Mohawk elementary school, Hawlemont Regional Elementary School, or Rowe Elementary School.

In 2016, Hawlemont entered into the equivalent of a school renaissance. With its exciting agriculturally-based curriculum Hawlemont, Agriculture, and You (HAY) just beginning to take shape, Hawlemont's enrollment spiked 23% to 125 students. Most of this growth was due to an increase in parents' choosing to enroll their students into Hawlemont from other districts. In fact, for the first time ever, more students school-choiced into Hawlemont than school-choiced out of Hawlemont. This amazing turnaround from very difficult circumstances only a few years ago is due to the extraordinary efforts of the entire Hawlemont school community. Kudos all around! Another important highlight during 2016 was the installation of a wood pellet heating system in Hawlemont, which is projected to save considerable budget dollars over the long term. This renewable heating system also presents exciting learning opportunities for our students, particularly in the areas of science and math. For example, we will begin tracking Hawlemont's new

carbon footprint, which we anticipate dropping considerably from the level previously generated by the former oil-based heating system.

On behalf of our students, I thank the entire Mohawk and Hawlemont school communities for your dedicated support of our children's education. THANK YOU!

Respectfully submitted,
Michael A. Buoniconiti

FRANKLIN COUNTY TECHNICAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

We submit this annual report for 2016 on behalf of the Franklin County Technical School District and its administration, faculty, staff and students.

Bernardston	21	Erving	33	Montague	59	Sunderland	6
Buckland	9	Gill	10	New Salem	3	Warwick	9
Colrain	21	Greenfield	109	Northfield	35	Wendell	7
Conway	7	Heath	12	Orange	61	Whately	9
Deerfield	16	Leyden	7	Shelburne	3		

Franklin County Technical School awarded 117 diplomas to our seniors in June of 2016. Massachusetts students are required to pass the MCAS in order to receive a high school diploma and once again our students were very successful in meeting this high academic standard. FCTS has maintained Level 2 Accountability status for the last four years. Our overall Progress and Performance Index (PPI) moved from 17% in 2012 (Level III) to 31% in 2014 (Level II) and have maintained Level II status ever since, with nearly 30% growth each year. Additionally, the district met the goals set by the Department of Education for passing rates of students of high risk with disabilities.

98.3% of FCTS students receive a high school diploma and vocational certificate with 69% planning to join the regional workforce, while others plan to join the military or attend post-secondary or trade/technical schools. FCTS dropout rate is also significantly below the state and regional average. We are proud of the accomplishments of the Class of 2016. On June 23, 2015 Franklin County Technical School District was fortunate to have received approval from all nineteen member towns to participate in a bond authorization which allowed FCTS to fund the MSBA 73.89% reimbursed Window and Door Replacement Project, as well as afford FCTS the opportunity to repair its twenty year-old roof and ensure paving upgrades of its forty year old driveway, track, parking lot and associated areas, which were original to the school in 1976. Payment for the bond will not impact member towns until FY19. FCTS now has state-of-the-art exterior energy efficient doors and windows, new parking lot paving and lights, track, basketball courts and a new silicone roof coating. In addition, FCTS will be adding new interior doors and handles to bring us into ADA compliance. FCTS students were instrumental with landscaping associated with the projects, digging conduits to lay wire for lighting, and supporting installation of parking lot lights to save the district tens of thousands of dollars.

Franklin County Technical School's technical programs have been busy with community-based projects that are used as learning opportunities. This year, as in the past, students embrace the authentic work that is done in the communities and truly engage in building their skills while out on work sites. Project work is treated as an immersive activity, with guidance and professional direction by instructors. Due to the instructional nature of the work, duration of a project may increase, but costs associated with a project to our cities

and towns are significantly decreased. Within the walls of FCTS, students from Electrical, Plumbing, Carpentry, Landscaping/Horticulture, Auto Technology, Welding and Collision Repair are involved in repair and upgrading activities that save FCTS money as compared to associated costs with hiring contractors. What follows are some examples of the ways in which we serve our communities: FCTS faculty, staff and students donate to food drives for needy families and organizations throughout Franklin County. Our Culinary Arts program donates to the Franklin County Sheriff's Office Regional Dog Shelter and FCTS instructors and students within specific shop areas visit veterans at the Veterans Hospital on Veterans Day. Our Pre-Employment or (PEP) program provides specialized instruction and training for students with disabilities, donates to the Dakin Animal Shelter and Ronald McDonald House. In Bernardston, Electrical instructors and students provided electrical maintenance work at the Bernardston Library, while Carpentry instructors and students completed the roof over a handicap ramp at the Bernardston Veterans Clubhouse. Electrical instructors and students wired/retrofitted the Colrain Fire Station for a network; as well as having provided work on the Colrain Fire Station's emergency generator. In Conway, Programming & Web Design instructors and students planned to create a website on Field Memorial Library; and in Deerfield, Carpentry and Electrical instructors and students worked on a new electric service enclosure on Deerfield's Town Common. Culinary Arts instructors and students help with the Schuetzen Verein Senior Expo and Senior Center functions in Gill/Montague.

In Greenfield our Health Technology instructors and students are involved in community service learning sites at: Community Action Parent/Child Development Center; Poet's Seat Healthcare Facility; GVNA Adult Day Health; Arbors Assisted Living Facility; NELCWIT/GVNA; Recovery Project; Buckley Nursing Facility. Electrical instructors and students retrofitted LED lighting at Greenfield Community College. Cosmetology instructors and students have been involved with the Girl's Day Out at the YMCA; and have provided beautician services at local nursing homes. Culinary Arts instructors and students have also been involved in Girl's Day Out at the YMCA; provide cookie donation to the GCC's golf tournament; and the Soups & Game Night at Hope & Olive. Machine Technology students help set up for the Relay for Life at the Greenfield Fair Grounds. Carpentry students installed 50 new window boxes at Greenfield Housing Authority's Elm Terrace; and frame enclosed a new athletic storage building at Greenfield High School. In Montague, Health Technology instructors and students are involved in community service learning at Community Action Parent/Child Development Center. FCTS Automotive Technology and Collision and Repair programs painted brackets for Judd Wire, repaired a trailer for the Turners Falls Police Department, and completed pin and bushing repair for the Turners Falls Police Department.

Electrical students worked on the Shelburne Trolley Museum's car barn and also have work pending on the Sunderland Library. Additionally, they have been involved with an LED lighting retrofit for the Warwick DPW; and have worked on the Warwick Police & Fire Department's emergency generator. Plumbing and Heating students installed a multi-head heat pump Mini-Split system for the Warwick Police Department, and Electrical students completed work on that system, as well. The Town of Whately invited our Collision shop and Repair and Refinishing shop to restore a Chevy Silverado for the Whately Fire Department; and our Electrical students have finished wiring the Wendell town kitchen.

Our partnerships with our communities are important for our programs, and we thank those who allow our students the opportunity to practice their trades out in the field.

Richard J. Kuklewicz
School Committee Chairman

Richard J. Martin
Superintendent-Director

SPECIAL EDUCATION and PUPIL SERVICES

The Mohawk Trail and Hawlemont Regional Special Education Department serves students in the Sanderson, Colrain, Hawlemont, Buckland-Shelburne, and Mohawk Middle and High Schools. The primary function is to ensure that students with an IEP or a 504 are being serviced at a level required to make effective progress with supports outlined in their IEP or 504. According to state data, The Mohawk Trail and Hawlemont Districts have about 19% of their student population receiving special education services. Those services are in several areas: speech and language, occupational therapy (OT), physical therapy (PT), counseling and academics. Every school has at least one special education teacher and an OT and PT who spend about one day a week in each school. Mohawk has a full time Speech Language Assistant and a part time Speech Language Pathologist. BSE has a full time and part time Speech Language Pathologist and Assistant. Colrain and Hawlemont share a full time Speech Language Pathologist and Assistant. Heath has a one day a week Speech Language Pathologist and Sanderson has a four day a week Speech Pathologist. Sanderson has three days of a Clinical School Psychologist. BSE and Colrain share an Adjustment Counselor and each has a School Psychologist. Hawlemont has a three day a week School Psychologist and Heath has a two day a week School Psychologist. The Middle and High Schools have a full time Adjustment Counselor and School Psychologist. The level of services in each building is based on population and the level of services legally required by an IEP.

With the support and initiative of several parents, the district was able to support a SEPAC (Special Education Parent Advisory Council). The council created by-laws, held monthly meetings and reached out to parents looking for support. We hope this year enables us to continue the support those parents created.

Over the last year, the districts had 12 students who were educated outside of the school district. Those students attended a school out of district for several reasons: 1) The district does not have a program that meets the student's level of need or 2) The student attended an out of district school prior to moving to the district and legally then is allowed to continue their placement in the school or 3) The last known address of the parent of the student was in our district and the DCF (Department of Children and Families) has placed the student in a residential school, requiring the district to pay for the educational component of the program.

Respectfully Submitted,
Leann Loomis
Director of Pupil Personnel Services

CARL H. NILMAN SCHOLARSHIP FUND

The fund was established under the provisions of the will of Carl H. Nilman for the purpose of providing scholarships. Recipients shall reside in the School District and be graduates of the Mohawk Trail Regional High School who desire and are deemed worthy of post high school education or training and who are in need of financial assistance.

This year the Awards Subcommittee read 77 applications; 28 were from seniors and 49 were from graduates. \$33,350 was our allotment for scholarships which we used 30% for seniors and 70% for graduates. The Committee feels that seniors have multiple scholarship opportunities from other sources while graduates have fewer resources. 23 scholarships totaling \$10,000.00 were awarded to seniors (82% of applicants) 40 scholarships totaling \$23,350 were given to graduates (82%) of applicants.

From 1991- 2016 a total of \$909,975.00 has been awarded in scholarships. Mohawk seniors have received \$280,775.00 and \$629,200.00 has been awarded to Mohawk graduates.

The same formula for determining what percentages of the fund should be distributed as scholarships, which had been established by the School Committee and the management firm of Bartholomew and Co., was used again this year.

Once again the applications is available on line to the graduates and seniors can pick up their application at Mohawk

Press releases were published in both the Independent and the Greenfield Recorder in March containing information about the Carl H. Nilman Scholarship Fund.

There are fifteen members on the Carl H. Nilman Scholarship Committee; one from each of the nine member towns in the district, three at large members appointed by the School Committee, plus a past School Committee, current School Committee member and the chairman of the School Committee. Members from the nine towns are: Sheila Graves (Ashfield), Marion Scott (Buckland), Marge Porrovecchio (Charlemont), Michelle Hillman (Colrain), Jonathan Diamond (Heath), Alice Parker (Hawley), Allen Irvine (Plainfield), Marion Taylor (Shelburne) and Rowe (open). Suzanne Crawford is the representative to the School Committee.

Officers are: Marge Porrovecchio and Robin Hartnett, Co-Chairs and Marion Scott is Secretary. Subcommittees are: Finance, Marion Taylor, Robin Hartnett and David Engle/Eric Sumner. Scholarship: Marge Porrovecchio, Sheila Graves, Michelle Hillman, Marion Scott and Allen Irvine.

The Mohawk community owes a debt of gratitude to Mr. Nilman for his foresight in supporting higher education for the students of the Mohawk Trail Regional High School. The committee members are honored to bring the wishes of his will to fruition.

Students of any age who are graduates of Mohawk (and were living in the nine town area at the time of graduation) are encouraged to apply for scholarships to help meet their continuing education needs. Please call the Guidance Office at Mohawk for information regarding requirements and deadlines.

Respectfully submitted
Marion E. Scott, Secretary

MARY LYON FOUNDATION

Innovative Support for Local Education

This year was highlighted by a gala celebration of the Mary Lyon Foundation's auspicious 25th anniversary. On August 6 at the Mary Lyon House in Buckland 25 doves were released to commemorate the 25 successful years that the foundation has provided services, programs, scholarships, mini-grants for school district staff, and professional development opportunities to enhance local education. Opening remarks were given by Dr. Bruce Willard, and Susan Daniels, a Mount Holyoke graduate, delivered the keynote speech. Bruce Willard, Jack Williams and David Newell were honored for their vision and early support of the Mary Lyon Foundation. The launch of the Putnam Hill Legacy Society with 15 founding members was officially announced. Our annual George Needham Business Award for extraordinary support of local education was presented to Blackmer Insurance Agency, and the Mohawk

Outstanding Graduate Award was presented to Danny Field, formerly of Shelburne Falls, for his community contributions.

In September with our library partner, Arms Library, we distributed thousands of bookmarks at the Franklin County Fair and parade to kick-off our NEA Big Read of Luis Urrea's *Into the Beautiful North*. Funded by MassHumanities and the Community Foundation of Western Massachusetts' Franklin Fund, in October our Big Read hosted a vibrant Spirit of Place Community Day at Greenfield Community College (GCC). With support from GCC, Holyoke Community College (HCC), and generous cultural partners, we engaged families with music, storytelling, dance, art, poetry, a Dia de los Muertos altar, and a community meal. Afternoon panel discussions began with dynamic keynote speaker Sienna Wildfield of Hilltown Families. We also brought Mariachi Mexico Antiguo and the 1960 film version of "The Magnificent Seven" to Memorial Hall in Shelburne Falls and will host the author at GCC and HCC in April 2017. We were the only organization in MA to receive one of the 77 coveted grants awarded this year by the National Endowment for the Arts.

The Mary Lyon Foundation once again raised significant funds for mini-grants for innovative, educational projects in our local schools. The 11th annual Community Spelling Bee was held on November 10 at Mohawk Trail Regional School; 30 teams representing public and private schools, youth groups, senior citizens, civic organizations and businesses were led by Master of Ceremonies Jill Connolly and Spell Master Art Schwenger. A warm welcome was provided by Superintendent Michael Buoniconti, and Shelburne selectman Joe Judd convened a prestigious panel of judges. Winning the Grand Championship was the Cash Cow spelling bee team comprised of Samantha Rutz, Aneka Dunnington and Lauren Binger.

We greatly appreciate the support of the Myrtle Atkinson Foundation, TransCanada, Mayhew Steel Products, local financial institutions and businesses. We continue to provide warm clothes, food, eyeglasses, and other basic necessities for children in need through our ongoing Harper Gerry Student Assistance Fund, and we are grateful for the support of the United Way of Franklin County, the generous payroll deductions of school district staff, People's United Community Foundation, and many individual contributions that help us support children and their families.

Members of the Board of Directors for 2016 were Marion Taylor (Past President), Sylvia Orcutt (President), Hugh Knox (Vice President), Sharon Hudson (Corresponding Secretary), Katherine McKay (Recording Secretary), Karen Fairbrother (Treasurer), Susan Schuman, Peter Stevens, Robin Morgan Huntley, Joanne LaCour, Lawrence Wells, Mohawk Trail Regional School student representatives Eli Shearer and Lilly Wells. Business Manager is Gina Sieber, and volunteer Office Manager is Sandy Gilbert. The Board of Directors joins us in thanking the many generous individuals, businesses and organizations in our community for making 2016 a highly successful year. The Mary Lyon Foundation is a 501(c)(3) community-based, non-profit organization that provides innovative support for education in our nine West County towns. Named in honor of Buckland-born educator Mary Lyon, who founded Mount Holyoke College in 1837, the organization continues to provide programs and services that greatly enhance the quality of local education.

Sheila Damkoehler
Susan Samoriski
Co-Executive Directors



COLRAIN VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE ASSOCIATION

Dedication to improving and providing the best in EMS care in Franklin County would sum up 2016 for us here at Colrain Ambulance.

To understand and relate what this dedication involves, I have put together actual numbers along with some conservative estimates of what these amazing people have contributed as volunteers in their community, and to those we serve:

- Hours ambulance covered by your volunteers: 8760
- Hours specifically covered by Paramedics: 4000 est. (signed in and dedicated to respond or at station)
- Hours of required training in addition to running calls: 1040
- Hours of optional training: 2000
- Hours in required meetings: 576
- 311 EMS requests (a 14% increase over last year and a new record)
- 165 transports (an 11% decrease, mainly because they intercepted other services)
- 84 Paramedic intercept requests (first year of defined tracking)
- 51 transports as a result of an intercept
- 13 responses with a LUCAS team, providing equipment and specially trained personnel for cardiac arrest patients

Only 1 call required another ambulance to respond because we lacked 2 EMT's. We have currently responded to 1902 calls out of 1904 since 2008.

In addition, the association as a group approved and funded over \$80,000.00 for capital improvement items including new cardiac care equipment and a state of the art patient handling system that greatly improved their ability to safely deliver a stellar level of care. Going forward, we are planning to replace our ambulance in Fiscal Year 2019.

Education continues to be at the forefront of our mission as non-profit organization, and has helped us to maintain engaged and well trained members to answer your calls for care. We hope to improve and expand our ability to offer educational opportunities to the public as a whole in the coming year.

In closing, we must thank all of our partners including the Towns of Colrain and Heath, Community911 Training, and most importantly the Colrain Fire Department led by Chief Nick Anzuoni, for all they do to help us to remain as your EMS provider.

Gary W. Ponce, Paramedic
CEO/Director
Colrain Volunteer Ambulance Association, Inc.

FRANKLIN COUNTY COOPERATIVE BUILDING INSPECTION PROGRAM

As you know, your town receives building, plumbing, gas, and wiring inspection and zoning enforcement services through the Franklin County Cooperative Inspection Program (FCCIP), a forty-one year old shared service housed at the Franklin Regional Council of Governments (FRCOG). We thank your town for your continued participation in the FCCIP, which allows small towns to have access to professional staff and state-of-the-art technology.

2016 was a busy year, permit wise, for the program. We issued 2,773 permits, including a significant number of insulation upgrade, solar array and wood/pellet stove permits. The number of permits was higher in 2016 than in the previous year, the fees collected were also slightly higher. A total of 26 new dwelling units were constructed in our 15 member towns.

Our new online permitting program went live on July 1, 2011 and has issued 13,508 building, electrical & plumbing/gas permits since then. The program allows you to apply, pay for, and track the progress of any permit online, saving you time and visits to our office in Greenfield. The program has 4,080 registered users. You can find it at www.frcog.org under the Franklin County Cooperative Inspection Program. Our website also includes helpful information on inspection requirements, permit costs, and contractor licensing.

In 2016, the FCCIP processed the following permits for Heath:

Residential Building Permits	47
Commercial Building Permits	4
Electrical Permits	35
Plumbing Permits	9
Gas Permits	6
Certificates of Inspection	5
Solid Fuel	2

We would like to remind all residents of the importance of applying for permits for work done. Building, Electrical and Plumbing/Gas permits are required by law and are an essential step in ensuring the safety of our communities. Please fee free to call our office with any building or zoning questions at 774-3167, extension 2.

James D. Hawkins, Building Commissioner
James Cerone, Building Inspector
Tom McDonald, Electrical Inspector
Andy French, Plumbing/Gas Inspector

FRANKLIN COUNTY COOPERATIVE PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE - SERVICES TO HEATH

The Town is a comprehensive member of the CPHS, a health district based at the Franklin Regional Council of Governments. CPHS activities in Heath during 2016 included:

- The Regional Health Agent conducted 19 Title-5 (septic) related activities including Soil Evaluations for on-lot septic systems, septic system plan reviews including site visits, issuing Local

Upgrade Approvals and DSCP (septic) permits, completing inspections of septic system installations, and preparing Certificates of Compliance.

- The Regional Health Agent conducted 5 housing inspections and re-inspections.
- The Public Health Nurse provided services to attendees of monthly “Good Neighbors” food distribution at Charlemont Federated Church where 24 area residents made 58 visits with the nurse for health screening services and assistance with self-management of chronic illness.
- The Regional Health Agent assisted with 18 retail and temporary food inspections or re-inspections and continued to assist Heath residents and businesses with compliance with the Food Code.
- At regularly scheduled clinics and wellness events, The Public Health Nurse provided town residents with reference materials and health self-management supplies such as medication schedules, pill sorters, personal health records and Files of Life provided by grants from Baystate Franklin Medical Center and LifePath, Inc.
- The Public Health Nurse conducted one home visit covering for the town nurse to meet resident care needs.
- The Public Health Nurse coordinated with the town nurse to conduct follow up and reporting for cases of communicable illness on behalf of the Board of Health. Follow-up was provided as needed for three Heath and 104 regional reported incidents of communicable illness.
- The Public Health Nurse coordinated flu vaccine and supplies assisting town officials from Charlemont, Hawley, Rowe, Heath and Monroe to implement a Hawlemont Region Emergency Dispensing Site drill flu clinic. A total of 41 area residents were served with the help of GCC nursing students and community volunteers.
- The Public Health Nurse provided medication and chronic disease self-management services throughout the year, holding regular hours for all district residents in five community sites. The nurse is also available for home visits for those who need this service.
- The Regional Health Agent provided technical assistance to the Board of Health with the implementation of their septic and private well regulations, including encouraging and assisting homeowners to test their well water at the time of property transfer.
- The Regional Health Agent responded to requests for program and regulatory information from the Board of Health and other town officials and attended 11 regular Board of Health meetings or hearings.
- Staff assisted town officials, contractors, and residents with implementation of digital on-line permitting system and trained BOH members on how to use the system and issue annual permits.
- The district implemented a FDA Food Safety Grant that will improve food inspection and data collection, and offered low-cost food safety training to town residents and employees.

Heath’s representatives to the CPHS Oversight are Board Betsy Kovacs and Henry Godek, Board of Health members. For more information about the Board or the district, visit www.frcog.org

FRANKLIN COUNTY REGIONAL HOUSING & REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

The Franklin County Regional Housing and Redevelopment Authority is a public body politic and corporate, created by the Massachusetts legislature in 1973 to serve the residents and communities of Franklin County. HRA has all of the powers and responsibilities of a local housing authority and a redevelopment authority in all 26 communities of Franklin County. Our services include housing education; development, ownership and management of affordable rental housing; administration of housing subsidies; programs for homeless families; homeownership and foreclosure prevention education and services; and Community Development Block Grant application and administration for Franklin County towns.

CDBG-funded Housing Rehabilitation Projects

CDBG-funded housing rehabilitation programs loaned approximately \$969,160.17 to help Franklin County households comply with building and sanitary codes. All the work is done by local contractors selected by private property owners. In Heath, 11 units were funded. There are no additional households on the waiting lists for rehabilitation loans in Heath.

**Rental Assistance • Housing Development • Housing Management
Community Development • Municipal Assistance • Rehab Financing Home
Ownership • Public Infrastructure • Equal Housing Opportunity**

For the complete Housing & Redevelopment Authority Report and activity in the Heath Housing Rehabilitation Revolving Loan Fund account visit our website at www.townofheath.org

FRANKLIN COUNTY REGIONAL RETIREMENT SYSTEM

The Franklin Regional Retirement System is a government agency that serves the 492 retirees, 49 beneficiaries, 921 active employees, and 557 inactive members of the towns and agencies in Franklin County. We are organized under Chapter 34b, and subject to the provisions of Chapter 32 of the Massachusetts General Laws. We receive oversight on the state level from the Public

Employee Retirement Administration Commission (PERAC), which audits our operations and financial records every three years. We are also audited by independent auditors in the two intervening years, as well as a complete actuarial valuation every two years.

The retirement benefit we provide replaces participation in the Social Security system and is described as a “defined benefit”, which means that we pay monthly retirement benefits based on the age, salary, and number of years worked at the time a member of our system retires. To be a member, an employee in one of our government units must be working in a permanent position scheduled at 20 hours or more per week and earning \$5,000 or greater annually. Funding of these benefits begins with deductions from the member, and, combined with matching funds from the employing unit, are invested in a mix of stocks, bonds, and indexed funds. Investment earnings are a large part of the funding of retirement benefits, and the allocation of those funds are spread to a variety of sectors to take advantage of positive activity as it occurs in each sector.

Up until 1988, we were a “pay-as-you-go” system. In 1988 it was legislated that we begin saving to become “fully funded” over the ensuing 40 years. Fully funded means we have enough in reserves to pay for all the current and future potential benefits of our present membership. At the end of 2014, we are 79% funded at 26 years (65%) into the 40 year mandate.

Our fiscal year is the calendar year, therefore our annual report is not filed until May of the subsequent year, and as a consequence the information provided herein will be a year old by the time you read this. **Current reports and information can be found on our website: www.FRRSMA.com.**

FRANKLIN COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

The Solid Waste District was formed in 1989 to help Franklin County towns manage all aspects of their solid waste – recyclables, organics, hazardous waste, wastewater treatment sludge, and trash. We continue to provide assistance to twenty-two member towns through administrative support, professional consultation, trainings, and outreach to residents and businesses.

A review of recycling tonnage for 2016 shows almost an identical amount of recycling tonnage since 2014. District residents recycled almost 1,700 tons of paper and just over 1,100 tons of mixed containers, which were processed at the Springfield Materials Recycling Facility.

In 2016, the District sponsored spring and fall “Clean Sweep” collections for bulky items, electronics, tires, appliances, and anything too big to fit into a trash bag. Over 62 tons of material were recycled or disposed of from the two collections. A total of 550 households participated in these collection events.

We held our annual household hazardous waste collection in October 2016. This event allows residents to properly dispose of toxic cleaners, automotive products, pesticides, and other toxic products. A total of 313 households participated in this event. 50% of participants were using the collection for the first time.

We applied for and received grants from the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection worth \$88,350 for District towns. Some grant funding relates to the town’s successful waste management infrastructure. Other grants include equipment to make a town’s transfer station more efficient.

We continued to bale wood pellet bags and agricultural plastic in our second year of this recycling program. We manage the recycling and composting program at the Franklin County Fair and assist other events with waste reduction efforts. We work in each school system helping with waste management bids and with fostering sustainable waste reduction programs.

If you have questions about District programs, call us at 413-772-2438 (MA Relay for the hearing impaired: 711 or 1-800-439-2370 TTY/TDD), visit our website at www.franklincountywastedistrict.org or visit us at 50 Miles Street in Greenfield.

Jan Ameen - Executive Director - Jonathan Lagreze, Colrain - Chair
Chris Boutwell, Montague - Vice-Chair - MA Swedlund, Deerfield - Treasurer

THE FRANKLIN REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

The Franklin Regional Council of Governments provides a variety of services and programming to the municipalities of Franklin County and to the greater Franklin County region. The FRCOG’s 2016 Annual Report, which will be available in April of 2017 and on www.frcog.org shortly thereafter, will highlight our work over the past year. Specific services to the Town of Heath in 2016 included the following.

Administration and Special Projects

- Staff continued to work with members of the Selectboard, Finance Committee and the Town Coordinator to develop a long-range capital plan as part of the Baker-Polito Community Compact Program.

Cooperative Bidding & Purchasing Program

- Heath contracted with the FRCOG to receive cooperative bid pricing for up to 24 different Highway Products and Services. Total estimated highway needs for FY17 is \$453,043.
- Heath participated in the #2 Fuel, Gasoline, and Diesel Fuel bids.
- Heath participated in the Dog Tags and Licenses collective bid program.
- Heath participated in the Elevator Maintenance Program.
- The Chief Procurement Officer issued a bid for disposition of land on Bray Road.

Cooperative Public Health Service Health District

Heath is a comprehensive member of the CPHS health district, sharing health agents and a regional public health nurse who provides support and backup to Heath’s Town Nurse. Please find the services provided by this FRCOG program as a separate entry to the Heath Town Report

Franklin County Cooperative Inspection Program

- Staff issued 53 building permits, 35 electrical permits & 15 plumbing/gas permits for Heath in 2016. Five (5) Certificates of Inspection were issued.

Partnership for Youth

- Staff conducted a Teen Health Survey to assess teen attitudes and behavior among middle and high school students. Staff reported to Mohawk Trail Regional School administrators on results from 137 Mohawk students, representing 63% of the 8th, 10th, and 12th grade classes. Survey data meets federal requirements for the school and is valuable for grant-writing and program planning.
- Staff presented to CPHS Annual Meeting on the Healthy Community Design Toolkit, Volume 2: Municipal Strategies to Increase Food Access.

Planning and Development Department

- Staff provided assistance to the Town in becoming a Green Community.
- Staff secured Brownfields funding to complete a Phase II Environmental Site Assessment for 5 Ledges Road (\$1,695).
- Staff developed and implemented a tri-town community food assessment survey, working with the Heath Agricultural Commission in collaboration with the Towns of Colrain and Charlemont.
- Staff prepared a Draft Business Plan and Legislation for the Mohawk Trail Woodlands Partnership Project for 11 West County towns including Heath, with specific recommendations and projects to support Natural Resource Based Economic Development, Forest Conservation & Municipal Financial Sustainability.
- Staff conducted a traffic count on Jacksonville Stage Road (Route 8A) in support of the regional traffic counting program.

Regional Preparedness Program

- Staff conducted quarterly contact drills and a site notification drill to test the Hawlemont Emergency Dispensing Site Plan.
- Staff designed and executed a drill that tested the Plan for the use of the Incident Command System, set up of the emergency operations center, and the receipt of medical countermeasures from the Strategic National Stockpile.
- Staff met with the Board of Health to introduce new members to public health emergency preparedness concepts.
- The Town entered into a Memorandum of Understanding with the FRCOG

to recognize the Multi-Agency Coordination Center as the official organization to assist them with emergency management needs.

Workshops & Training

The following list represents the FRCOG workshops and training sessions that Heath public officials, staff, and residents attended and the number in attendance.

Cooperative Public Health Service

ServSafe/Choke Saver/Allergen Training Series — 4
Food Systems — 2

Partnership for Youth

Advanced LifeSkills — 1 representative of the Mohawk Trail
Regional School District

Planning, Conservation, and Development

Zoning Exemptions — 1
Historic House Care — 1

Regional Emergency Preparedness

Emergency Preparedness for People with Access and
Functional Needs — 3
Sudden Unaffiliated Volunteers — 3
Intro to Public Health Emergency Preparedness Capabilities — 1
Hawlemont Emergency Dispensing Site Drill – 3

THE FRED WELLS TRUSTEES

Funds available for the fiscal year 2016/17 are \$228,960 (which includes unused scholarship money from 2014/2015 that was reallocated to the Scholarship Fund.)

EDUCATION: The Trustees received 243 applications and approved 229 students to receive \$199,894. This amount includes the two \$1,000 scholarships in memory of Ralph and Hilda Haskins. The Trustee spent many hours on the selection process to ensure that as many students as possible could receive scholarship aid.

HEALTH: Five (5) programs were approved totaling \$17,600:

Community Action –WIC Program	\$ 4,000.00
LifePath: Meals On Wheels	\$ 4,000.00
Community Health Center	\$ 4,000.00
Hospice of Franklin County	\$ 1,600.00
NELCWIT	\$ 4,000.00

AGRICULTURE: An amount of \$11,466 was allowed by the Trustees for payment:

Franklin County Agricultural Society	\$ 7,212.00
Heath Agricultural Society	\$ 3,385.00
Shelburne Grange Fair	\$ 869.00

Respectfully submitted,
Diane Grinnell

UPPER PIONEER VALLEY VETERANS SERVICES

2016 is the 1st full year our district has been in existence. We continue to be the largest district by community count and square miles covered in the state. Below are just some of the programs and services we help veterans' and their dependents with:

- M.G.L. Ch 115 benefit – Needs based program of financial and medical assistance to eligible veterans and their dependents
- Assistance to veterans and dependents to help file for health care, pensions, and service-connected disabilities
- Homeless prevention assistance to veterans and their families
- Employment help with job searches, resumes, and job interview skills
- Burial assistance to include government markers, flag holders, internment, and VA burial reimbursement
- Massachusetts annuities and tax abatement assistance
- Veterans records retrieval and storage
- Referral to other public and private agencies to include housing, fuel assistance, employment, training, education
- Attend area outreach events(fairs, festivals, health care expos)

We have continued to work hard helping veterans and dependents file for VA benefits due them. Our awarded claims have kept pace with CY16, bringing in close to \$300,000.00 in new claim money for our clients. Overall the district has over \$1,500,000.00 in VA awards flowing into our towns on a monthly basis.

After seeing a large reduction in M.G.L. Ch115 payouts in CY15 we have leveled off this year. We forecast this caseload to remain flat for the foreseeable future for our towns. Although reimbursed back to the towns at 75%, this takes over a year to get back from the state, so reducing payouts up front has freed up funds for the member towns.

For the coming year we will continue to assist veterans, conduct outreach events, and will emphasize programs for the dependents of veterans, particularly the elderly population.

Timothy Niejadlik, Director
Upper Pioneer Valley Veterans'
Services District

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